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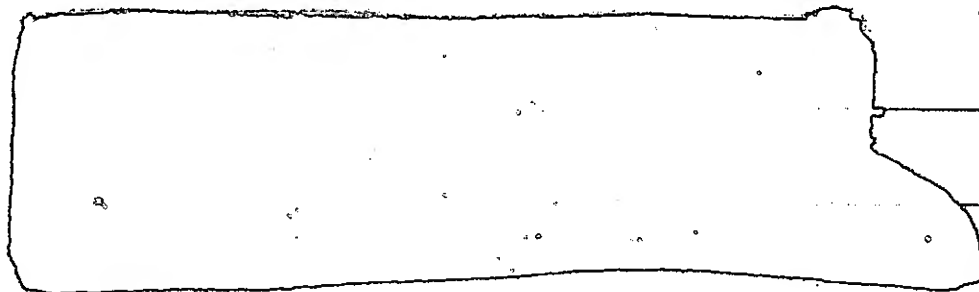
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA ANTHONY E. DANIELS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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FOIA(b)(7) - (C)

Re memo from SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER dated 4/8/68.

MAE GRANGER, Jackson Credit Bureau, made available the following information from the Credit Bureau file:

RICHARD HARVEY SWEAT, 734 Sherwood Drive, employed as of 2/66, as an inspector of the Retail Credit Bureau. SWEAT is married to MARY JANE BATES SWEAT, who is employed as a secretary at the Mississippi Federal Co-Op.

[REDACTED]
and lists his age as 26 in 1966.

The following individuals were contacted and advised they had nothing in their files identifiable with RICHARD HARVEY SWEAT:

FAYE CULPEPPER,
Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol

EVELYN KING,
Identification Division,
Jackson Police Department.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA FLOYD B. HANNON, III

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

[redacted] telephonically contacted the Jackson Office of the FBI on 4/20/67, and advised he knew the wife of JAMES EARL RAY.

[redacted] stated he recognized the name and the picture as it appeared in a newspaper. He said RAY had left his wife, whom [redacted] is acquainted with, about a month ago, and had taken several of her belongings. He believes the wife may know where RAY is presently located.

[redacted] would not divulge the wife's name, but said he would have her call the office.

[redacted] was reluctant to give his name and stated he did not want to get involved. He did mention he had cooperated with the FBI in the past.

A check of the Jackson indices reflected file [redacted] on a subject [redacted], who had been operated as an RI - PROB prior to discontinuing of the file 1/17/68. The file reflects [redacted] home address to be [redacted] where VIRGINIA RAY was later located.

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FOIA(b) (6)
FOIA(b) (7) - (C)Date April 20, 1968

Mrs. VIRGINIA RAY, home address 944 Inge Street, Jackson, Mississippi, furnished the following information:

On the evening of September 5, 1967, in the early evening hours, VIRGINIA UMFRESS (RAY), was at her place of employment, the Rainbow Inn, Saltillo, Mississippi, talking to the bartender, LAWRENCE WEBB and a customer whom she met for the first time by the name of JAMES RAY.

[REDACTED]
VIRGINIA UMFRESS [REDACTED] is coming out of the Court House at Jasper, Alabama, the next day around noontime with a marriage license in her hand. She said she married JAMES RAY but does not recall any other details of the trip from the Rainbow Inn in Saltillo, Mississippi, to the Court House at Jasper, Alabama.

[REDACTED]
She could not recall any conversation with RAY.

VIRGINIA UMFRESS RAY stated that on the trip back to Mississippi she recalled sleeping most of the way and no conversation. She described the vehicle that they were riding in as a 1967 Malibu, white in color with red upholstery. She said the two front fenders had severe dents in them and RAY mentioned that he had hit a bridge. Upon returning to Mississippi they drove to Tupelo to the trailer which UMFRESS had been living in just South of Tupelo on Highway 45 South.

She advised that they arrived in Tupelo around 5:00 P. M., on September 6, 1967, and they stayed at her trailer for the night. The next morning around 10:00 A. M., on September 7, 1967, after much discussion they drove to

On 4/20/68 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER:yv Date dictated 4/20/68

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Jackson, Mississippi, to pick up VIRGINIA UMFRESS RAY's two year old son.

At this point, VIRGINIA UMFRESS RAY advised that her maiden name is VIRGINIA JACO and that in January, 1964, she married JOHNNY WAYNE UMFRESS who is employed as a carpenter with a company in Itawamba County, Mississippi. She divorced this man in 1966 and he still lives in Fulton, Mississippi.

JAMES RAY at first refused to drive to Jackson, Mississippi, however, she convinced him to come along with her. They left Tupelo, Mississippi, around 10:00 A. M., on September 7, 1967, and drove straight down to Jackson, Mississippi, arriving in the middle of the afternoon. They went directly to her grandparents, F. A. and VERA JACO, with whom her two year old son had been boarding at 225 Oak Street, Jackson.

VIRGINIA RAY said she went into her grandparents' house by herself while JAMES RAY, her new husband, made a gasoline purchase at the Sinclair Service Station across the street from her grandparents house. She said JAMES RAY used a Sinclair credit card in making all gasoline purchases.

At her grandparents' home she introduced JAMES RAY to her cousin GEORGE JONES, his wife JOYCE JONES, and her aunt, MARIE JACO, as well as her grandparents. She explained that her grandparents' home has separate apartments and that her cousin MARIE JACO, GEORGE and JOYCE JONES have separate apartments.

They remained overnight at the Oak Street address and between 6:00 and 7:00 A. M., when she got up, JAMES RAY said they were leaving for California. She said she refused to go and that RAY picked up GEORGE JONES's shotgun, pointed

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it at her stomach and said he was going to kill her. At this point her cousin JOYCE JONES came into the room and stepped between them and told RAY that he would have to kill her first. JAMES RAY hesitated for a moment, turned and ran out of the house. He got in his car and drove away taking the shotgun with him. VIRGINIA RAY said she has not seen JAMES RAY since and has heard nothing about him or from him since that time.

A short while after this incident she realized that sometime during the night or early morning RAY had taken the marriage license out of her overnight bag which she had picked up the morning before at the trailer in Tupelo. He also took a bronze horse trophy from the mantle.

Upon seeing the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in the Jackson newspapers on April 19, 1968, she immediately thought it strongly resembled JAMES RAY, her missing husband.

VIRGINIA RAY furnished the following information concerning the contents of the 1967 Malibu in the possession of JAMES RAY:

A large blue Samsonite type suitcase which appeared to be the largest size. She described it as a hard finish airplane type luggage.

A black cloth type bag with a zipper across the top and handles. The lining of the cloth bag appeared to be plaid. Inside the bag was a current Alabama license plate and a current Mississippi license plate. She then recalled that the Malibu had Tennessee tags on it all during the period she was with RAY. She said she recalled asking RAY why he had the extra license plates and he said he needed them in his business. He said his business was that of a musician and that he played a guitar.

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He had numerous cosmetic type kits which only women would use. She was not able to further describe the cosmetics other than it struck her as odd that he would have these items.

In the trunk of the car he had the small bronze horse trophy and a pair of expensive looking lizard skin riding boots.

RAY claimed to have been associated with horse shows and won the trophy at a horse show.

VIRGINIA RAY furnished the following physical description of her husband:

Name	JAMES (no middle name) RAY
Age	41 years (according to RAY in September, 1967)
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5 feet 11 inches
Hair	Light brown, cut very short, less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long.
Eyes	Bluish gray
Complexion	Light with ruddy or rough face.
Scars	Had severe scars across the back of each hand. Scars went across from one side to the other between the knuckles and the wrist.
	Had a small prominent scar on forehead to one side or the other in the center.
Tattoos	Had a large tattoo of a battleship across his upper back. The colors on this tattoo were very bright and not faded.
	Had a small tattoo on the calf of one leg reading "Hell Hole".

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Could not recall which leg.
This tattoo located just
below the knee off to the
side.

Other characteristics

Upper front teeth missing
Had a full or partial upper
plate.
Drank continuously. Any kind
but usually Four Roses, also
had moonshine whiskey, white
in color, smoking nothing
but Pall Mall cigarettes.

Just prior to shaving his
beard appeared to be medium
to light in color.

Upon inquiry, Mrs. RAY said she noticed nothing
peculiar about her husband's ears. She said his eyebrows
were average and brown in color.

The most peculiar thing about him other than the
tattoos, was the fact that he addressed everyone as "hoss".
Numerous times while speaking he would use the word "hoss"
to the person he happened to be speaking to.

The only thing she could recall about his facial
expression was the color of his eyes, bluish gray, and the
fact that his eyes frightened her more than anything else.
She could not recall anything peculiar about his smile.
She then added that she did not recall ever seeing him
smile.

Mrs. RAY said that her grandparents, F. A. and
VERA JACO, her cousin JOYCE and her husband GEORGE and
her aunt MARIE JACO all saw JAMES RAY. She said they
too feel there is a resemblance between the photograph of
JAMES EARL RAY which appeared in the Jackson newspapers
on April 19, 1968, and her husband. She said that the
previous photograph which appeared in the Jackson newspapers
prior to April 19, 1968, did not resemble her husband. It

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was the photograph which appeared on April 19, 1968, which prompted her to call the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She said she has no information concerning the whereabouts of JAMES RAY since she last saw him on September 8, 1967.

Mrs. RAY then added that on the morning of September 8, 1967, after JAMES RAY hurriedly left her grandparents' home her cousin JOYCE JONES and her husband GEORGE JONES drove her back to Tupelo, Mississippi, to her rented trailer home.

Upon arriving there shortly before 5:00 P. M., she noticed that the door of the trailer was ajar approximately three or four inches. She recalled that she had given the key to the trailer to her husband.

When she entered the trailer she noticed some items were missing. The first thing she noticed was that her portable record player and 50 or 60 albums, mostly country music were missing. She thought the record player was a True Tone portable model.

A portable radio, make unknown, described as one that played with batteries or plug-in type, was missing.

A Brownie Holiday Flash Camera was missing.

A Dominion Portable hair dryer was missing.

Several sweaters, three pairs of her shoes and six dresses just back from the cleaners were missing.

She said that a picture of her mother which she described as being in an elaborate frame was also missing and in addition, a picture album of the family was missing.

Her cousin GEORGE, age 18 years, started her automobile, a 1955 Buick, blue and white in color in that she could not get it started herself. Her cousin GEORGE, discovered that some foreign substance had been placed in the gas tank causing the fuel line to be clogged.

After GEORGE JONES got her car started she drove it back to Jackson following GEORGE and JOYCE in their car.

She said they arrived in Jackson around 9:00 or 10:00 P. M., that night, September 8, 1967. She remained at her grandparents' house and lived there for a while.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	VIRGINIA RAY
Sex	Female
Race	White
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Height	5 feet 7 inches
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	brown
Eyes	Blue
Previous address	Moved to Jackson in 1959, graduated from Central High School in 1961 and returned to Tupelo, Mississippi in 1962.
Marriages	Met JOHNNY WAYNE UMFRESS in Tupelo, January 1963, and married him 1964. Divorced him 1966. Married JAMES RAY, Jasper, Alabama, on September 6, 1967.

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Employment

Barmaid, Rainbow Inn,
Salttillo, Mississippi,
September 1967,
National Industries,
Jackson, Mississippi,
from September 17, 1967,
to April 1968.

Current employment

N. W. Manufacturing Company,
Jackson, Mississippi.

Working hours

7:30 A. M., to 4:00 P. M.
Monday through Friday.

Telephone

None

In further describing JAMES RAY, Mrs. RAY said the first time she met him he was wearing plaid type trousers and a brown shirt. She said he was just an average dresser, nothing peculiar, seldom wore suits during the three days she knew him.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

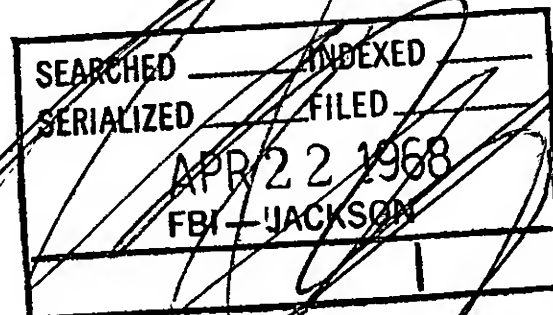
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/20/68, during the course of an interview with Mrs. VIRGINIA RAY at the Jackson FBI Office, a telephone call was placed to the Kansas City FBI Office. SAC KARL DISSLY, Kansas City, advised that there is no record of any scars on the back of each hand of subject JAMES EARL RAY. There is no record of any tattoos on JAMES EARL RAY.

SAC DISSLY advised that the Los Angeles Division has positively placed JAMES EARL RAY in Los Angeles, Calif., on 8/2/67 and on 8/12/67. He stated that Los Angeles can practically account for JAMES EARL RAY's presence in the Los Angeles area from September, 1967, up to the first of the year. In addition, the Los Angeles Office located a record of appointments with a psychiatrist in the Los Angeles area wherein JAMES EARL RAY, using his full name, had a series of appointments with this psychiatrist.

The telephone call to Kansas City was placed in an effort to obtain any information which would indicate that subject JAMES EARL RAY had any tattoos or large scars on the back of each hand.

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GEORGE JONES, 225 Oak Street, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that Mrs. VIRGINIA RAY is his wife's cousin and that Mrs. RAY told him that the photograph which appeared in the Jackson newspapers on April 19, 1968, appeared to look like her husband, JAMES (no middle name) RAY.

JONES said he was at the Oak Street address in September, 1967, when VIRGINIA RAY showed up with a man whom she introduced as her husband. JONES said VIRGINIA and her husband spent one day and one night at the Oak Street address and left early the following morning. RAY took GEORGE JONES' shotgun, pointed it at VIRGINIA, and said he was going to kill her. JOYCE JONES, wife of GEORGE JONES, stepped in between them and JAMES RAY fled the house and has not been seen since that time.

JONES said that the previous evening he accompanied RAY to a local beverage store where RAY obtained two or three pints of whiskey. He said that in his opinion, RAY was nothing but an alcoholic.

GEORGE JONES described RAY's vehicle as being a 1967 white Malibu with red upholstery and the two front fenders severely dented.

JONES furnished the following description of RAY:

Name	JAMES RAY
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6'
Weight	180 pounds
Age	Approximately 40 years
Characteristics	Had a red face and appeared to be an alcoholic.

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SA's JOHN L. PUDDISTER and
by JAMES W. AWE: JLP/cmb Date dictated 4/23/68

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Numerous photographs were exhibited to GEORGE JONES, among which was a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. JONES said none of the photographs exhibited appeared to look like JAMES RAY, VIRGINIA's husband.

The photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was singularly pointed out to JONES. He commented that this definitely was not VIRGINIA RAY's husband.

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Mr. F. A. JACO, home address, 225 Oak Street, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that he is the grandfather of VIRGINIA RAY.

Mr. JACO advised that in September, 1967, VIRGINIA RAY visited his home with a man whom she introduced as her husband, JAMES RAY.

Several photographs were exhibited to Mr. JACO. He advised that none of these photographs resembled the individual introduced to him as JAMES RAY.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was singularly exhibited to Mr. JACO. He advised that this was definitely not the man who VIRGINIA RAY introduced to him as her husband.

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SA's JOHN L. PUDDISTER &
by JAMES W. AWE: JLP/cmb Date dictated 4/23/68

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Mrs. VERA JACO, home address 225 Oak Street, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that she is the grandmother of VIRGINIA RAY.

Mrs. JACO advised that in September, 1967, VIRGINIA RAY visited her home with a man whom she introduced as her husband, JAMES RAY.

Several photographs were exhibited to Mrs. JACO. She advised that none of these photographs resembled the individual introduced to her as JAMES RAY.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was singularly exhibited to Mrs. JACO. She advised that this was definitely not the man who VIRGINIA RAY introduced to her as her husband.

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Mrs. GEORGE JONES (JOYCE), home address 225 Oak Street, Jackson, Mississippi, after viewing several photographs exhibited to her, commented that none of these photographs looked like the JAMES RAY whom her cousin, VIRGINIA, introduced as her husband.

The photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was singularly exhibited to Mrs. JONES. She commented that this was definitely not the man that VIRGINIA RAY introduced as her husband.

On 4/20/68 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

SA's JOHN L. PUDDISTER &
by JAMES W. AWE: JLP/cmb Date dictated 4/23/68

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Miss MARIE JACO, 225 Oak Street, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that VIRGINIA RAY is her niece.

Several photographs were exhibited to Miss JACO and she commented she could not recall having met any of these individuals.

The photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was singularly exhibited to Miss JACO. She advised that this photograph was definitely not a photograph of the man that her niece, VIRGINIA RAY, introduced to her as her husband in September, 1967.

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by SA's JOHN L. PUDDISTER & JAMES W. AWE: JLP/cmb Date dictated 4/23/68

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



GILES W. CRISLER
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY

J. D. GARDNER
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
CHIEF OF PATROL

Phone 366-2611 Area Code 601
P. O. Box 958
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

April 22, 1968

Mr. Roy K. Moore
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Post Office Box 1450
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Dear Mr. Moore:

The assistance rendered by John Holloway
and John Pitts by the Data Processing Unit is a good
example of cooperation between law enforcement agencies.

A copy of your letter is being forwarded to
both members of the Department of Public Safety.

If in the future we can assist in any way,
do not fail to call.

Sincerely,

GILES W. CRISLER
Commissioner

GWC:bj

cc: John Holloway
John Pitts

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (157-9586)

FROM : ASAC ELMER F. LINBERG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

FOIA(b)(6)
FOIA(b)(7) - (C)

CLEM MC GOWAN, Section Chief, Division 6, Civil Rights Section, Bureau, telephonically advised ASAC at 5:40 PM today that a systematic review of Bureau files is being made for all references to violence concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. The review reflects the following three pieces of information from Jackson files which should be thoroughly checked out:

1) [redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D) on 4/28/67 reported that L. C. BLAILOCK owner of Curly's Place, Winona, Miss., reported that one [redacted] Jacksonville, Fla., would pay anyone \$100,000 cash to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

2) An airtel 6/15/67 from the Bureau to Jackson referred to an alleged offer of \$100,000 by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), Jackson, Miss., to anyone who would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MC GOWAN did not have a title for this airtel, stating that he was operating from notes handed to him by file review clerks. The information supposedly originated from one DONALD NISSEN, an inmate in jail in Texas.

3) Jackson teletype 9/17/67 in the case entitled, "UNSUB; Alleged Plan To Kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, Grenada, Miss., RM", referred to the fact that Reverend EMMETT BARFIELD, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Grenada, claimed that two white residents of the parish planned to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING 9/19/66 (?) at Grenada.

MC GOWAN stated the above instances as well as any other threats to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING should be thoroughly explored for leads in this case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA ROBERT P. WOMACK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to NO tel to JN dated 4/11/68 indicating BILLY D. MC GRIFF and VAN SULLIVAN, JR., had been in Memphis on the day of MURKIN.

Attached insert indicates investigation to locate VAN SULLIVAN, JR, for interview.

LEAD:

JACKSON

AT SARDIS, MISS.

Locate and interview VAN SULLIVAN, JR., who is employed by L. E. Myers Co. erecting highpower line into Sardis; headquarters of co. at Standard Service Station in Sardis which may be identified by locating Myers' truck which are yellowish and orange in color that will be parked near station.

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Sardis lead telephoned to Rabinovich 4/18/68 handled

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/10/68

Mrs. MARIAN LILLY, I.B.E.W. Local 605, 116 Clairborne, Jackson, Mississippi, advised BILLY D. MC GRIFF is a member of their local. She states that during the week April 1 - April 5, 1968, MC GRIFF and 33 other electricians were working for L. E. Myers Company in Sardis, Mississippi. She states MC GRIFF returned to Jackson, Mississippi, in the afternoon of April 5, 1968. She advised MC GRIFF is presently working on a job in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the name of this job could be determined through Local Union 995, 405 St. Ferdinand Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Mrs. LILLY stated she had talked with MC GRIFF when he returned on April 5, 1968, and MC GRIFF had stated that he had been in Memphis on April 4, 1968, when Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was assassinated. She stated MC GRIFF did not elaborate on what he was doing there, but understood that their job in Sardis, Mississippi, had been "rained out" and that MC GRIFF and some of the other electricians had driven to Memphis, Tennessee. She advised she does not know where MC GRIFF stayed, nor what he was doing, nor what he did in Memphis, Tennessee.

On 4/10/68 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586
by SA WILLIAM BLACKKETTER and
SA ANTHONY E. DANIELS:WB:bal Date dictated 4/10/68

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT P. WOMACK and SA LESTER L. AMANN:

Mrs. VAN SULLIVAN, JR., Route 1, Mize, Mississippi, advised that her husband was away from home working, employed by L. E. Myers Company, Clinton, Mississippi, on a job putting up a power line that leads into Sardis, Mississippi. She said that he had returned to work with this company on April 15, 1968, and had not called her to advise of his address. She stated, however, that the headquarters for the Myers Company is located at a Standard Service Station in Sardis. She did not know the name of the station, but said that there were usually one or more of Myers' trucks, which were yellowish orange in color, parked near the service station. She said that he would probably return to their home over the weekend, but it was possible that he would stay away more than a week.

She advised that her husband had been told by the man from the electrical workers union from Jackson by telephone that the FBI had been asking questions about him about the affair in Memphis.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD T. RABIDEAU at Sardis, Mississippi:

On April 18, 1968, efforts to locate VAN SULLIVAN, JR., met with negative results.

On April 23, 1968, inquiry was made of workmen for the L. E. Myers Company in the vicinity of Sardis, Mississippi. It was determined that the brother of VAN SULLIVAN, name unknown, was seriously ill and as a result VAN SULLIVAN had returned to his residence near Mt. Olive, Mississippi. Persons contacted were unable to advise when VAN SULLIVAN, JR., would return to Sardis, Mississippi and resume work.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (170-326)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA RALPH D. GARDNER

SUBJECT: FOIA(b)7 - (D)
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On 4/4/68 source was telephonically contacted and requested to immediately determine the present whereabouts of all officers in his Klan unit.

Source telephonically contacted the writer late on the evening of 4/4/68 and informed that the EC, W. L. ELLIS, JR., Lexington, Miss., had been telephonically contacted in Lexington. Source stated that he personally spoke on the telephone with the following individuals at 6:55 P.M.:

CARL F. DRAKE
AARON MC COOL
IZENE HALE "PETE" SHOEMAKER
JOHN MARSHALL PILGRIM
TERRY PILGRIM

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(1 - 157-7230, CARL F. DRAKE)

(1- 157- AARON MC COOL)

(1- 157- PETE SHOEMAKER)

(1- 157-4600, JOHN MARSHALL PILGRIM)

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, 4/24/68, and
Memphis airtel to Jackson, 4/25/68.

Re R. B. HARRELL, aka Richard and Jimmy

The following investigation was conducted by SA
DAVID H. PHILLIPS at Puckett, Mississippi:

On 4/26/68, JONATHAN EDWARDS, Sheriff, Rankin County,
Mississippi, advised that there is no one residing in Puckett,
Miss., by the name of JOE BONHAM. Sheriff EDWARDS said that
he does not know of any BONHAM family in and around the
Puckett, Miss., area.

On 4/26/68, GRADY COOK, Town Marshal, Puckett,
Miss., advised he has been a resident of this town for the

- 2 - Memphis
- 2 - Dallas (44-2649)
- 1 - Little Rock (Info)
- 1 - Phoenix (Info)
- 1 - San Francisco (Info)
- ② - Jackson

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past 44 years and that he has never heard of a JOE BONHAM family. Mr. COOK said he would ask around of other natives of the Puckett area in an attempt to locate any information concerning a BONHAM family. On 4/29/68, GRADY COOK advised that the only information he was able to develop concerned a JOE BURNAHAM who resided in the Puckett area many years ago. He said this BURNAHAM was last known to be residing near Morton, Miss., and employed at a chicken farm or a chicken hatchery south of Morton, Miss.

LEAD:

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AT MORTON, MISS.

Will continue efforts to locate relatives of RICHARD BURNAHAM HARRELL in order to determine HARRELL's present whereabouts.

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, JACKSON**FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)****SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR****OO MEMPHIS****Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, Little Rock, Phoenix,
and Memphis dated 4/24/68.****Enclosed herewith for Jackson are two copies of referenced
teletype.****LEAD****JACKSON****AT PUCKETT, MISSISSIPPI****Cover lead set forth for the Jackson Division in
referenced teletype.****ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**

- ② - Jackson (Encs. 2)
 1 - Dallas (44-2649)
 2 - Memphis
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LITTLE ROCK, PHOENIX, MEMPHIS
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TELS APRIL TWENTYONE AND TWENTYTWO LAST; AND LITTLE
ROCK AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE, PHOENIX, AND MEMPHIS,
APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

PARENTS OF R. B. HARRELL AKA RICHARD AND JIMMY, LOCATED AND
INTERVIEWED AT ABERNATHY, TEXAS, THIS DATE. ADVISED WHEREABOUTS SON
UNKNOWN BUT WAS LAST HEARD FROM ONE YEAR AGO FROM BAKERSFIELD,
CALIFORNIA. PARENTS NOT COOPERATIVE IN PROVIDING INFO CONCERNING SON,
BUT PROVIDED FOLLOWING RELATIVES OF R. B. HARRELL:

BROTHER - HENRY HARRELL, LOONEY FARM, IDALOU, TEXAS; BROTHER -
J. C. HARRELL, TWO ONE TWO AVENUE C., ABERNATHY, TEXAS; UNCLE -
RICHARD HARRELL, WILLOW CREEK, CALIFORNIA; AUNT - JEWELL CRANE,
LAKE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS; GRANDMOTHER - FANNIE GILL LIVES WITH JEWELL
CRANE, ABOVE; UNCLE - JOE BONHAM, PUCKETT, MISSISSIPPI.

J. C. HARRELL, BROTHER OF R. B., INTERVIEWED AT ABERNATHY,
TEXAS, AND ADVISED LAST HEARD FROM OR SAW BROTHER THREE YEARS
WHEN R. B. TOOK HIS PICKUP AND LEFT ABERNATHY. HE BELIEVED HE WAS

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DRIVING TO CALIFORNIA. R. B. HAS NOT COMMUNICATED WITH HIM SINCE THAT TIME. HE BELIEVES R. B. IS IN CALIFORNIA. WHEN HE LEFT ABERNATHY R. B. WAS TRAVELING WITH A WOMAN, NAME UNKNOWN AND HER CHILDREN.

JACKSON, AT PUCKETT, MISSISSIPPI, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JOE BONHAM, UNCLE OF R. B. HARRELL, AND INTERVIEW FOR BACKGROUND INFO AND WHEREABOUTS R. B.

LITTLE ROCK AT LAKE VILLAGE, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JEWELL CRANE AND FANNIE GILL AS ABOVE.

SAN FRANCISCO AT WILLOW CREEK, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RICHARD HARRELL FOR BACKGROUND INFO AND WHEREABOUTS R. B. HARRELL.

DALLAS AT IDALOU, TEXAS, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HENRY HARRELL AS ABOVE.

AM COPIES FORWARDED JACKSON AND SAN FRANCISCO WITH RE COMMUNICATIONS AS ENCLOSURES. P

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FBI MEMPHIS

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Date: 4/24/68

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TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) -P-

MURKIN
OO MEMPHISFOIA(b)(6)
FOIA(b)(7) - (C)

Re Tampa airtel to Director 4/16/68; in case entitled
 [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] RACIAL INFORMANT, OO JACKSON" the following
 references: Jackson airtel to Oklahoma City 3/23/65, Oklahoma
 City airtel to Jackson 3/29/65; in case entitled "WHITE KNIGHTS OF
 KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER" the following references:
 Jackson airtel to Bureau 4/2/65, Oklahoma City airtel to Bureau
 4/8/65, Jackson airtel to Bureau 4/8/65, Jackson airtel to Bureau
 4/22/65, Phoenix airtel to Jackson 4/27/65, and Oklahoma City
 airtel to Bureau 5/17/65.

RE: [REDACTED]

FORMER TOP TEN SUBJECT

Enclosed herewith for the information purposes to
 Jackson and Atlanta, is one copy of Tampa airtel to Director,
 4/16/68, for background information.

Set forth hereafter is a recapitulation of investigation
 concerning [REDACTED] (former Top Ten Fugitive) and
 his allegedly being offered money by the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi
 to murder Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in 1964.

Jackson Division by airtel to the Bureau 4/2/65 in
 case "WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER"

- 3 Bureau
- 1 Atlanta (Info)(Enc. 1)
- 2 Birmingham
- ① Jackson (Info)(Enc. 1)
- 2 Memphis
- 1 Tampa (Info)(157-3231)
- 3 Oklahoma City (2-44-686)

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forwarded to the Bureau an original and 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum showing information received from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] considered by Jackson a reliable individual who is acquainted with members or former members of the WKKKKOM. [REDACTED] in reporting this information that was overheard as general rumor among Klansmen and he did not know the source, was doubtful of its truthfulness.

The information in substance was that on 3/17/65, [REDACTED] advised that he had received unverified information that in 1964, the original Knights of the KKK of Mississippi had hired a "killer" from the State of Oklahoma to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. when KING was in Jackson, Mississippi. This "killer" was known as [REDACTED] and came to Jackson, Mississippi to "case" the layout and while in Jackson, stayed at the Terrymore Motel. He was to use a high-powered rifle with telescopic sights. This deal allegedly fell through when the Klansmen could not raise the \$13,000 demanded by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also reported "TWO JUMPS" was allegedly also the killer of a Bureau Top Ten fugitive later identified as JOHN GIBSON DILLON. [REDACTED] allegedly killed DILLON at the Flamingo Motel in Jackson, Mississippi and thereafter transported the body to Oklahoma or Kansas where it was dumped in an old well.

The Oklahoma City Division by airtel of 4/8/65, advised Bureau and Jackson Division that complete background in the case involving Top Ten Fugitive JOHN GIBSON DILLON did not substantiate that DILLON was killed in Mississippi. From facts available to Oklahoma City, it was doubtful in fact if DILLON was killed in Mississippi.

The Jackson Division on 4/2/65 interviewed [REDACTED] described by Jackson as a notorious confidence man and gambler who had at that time been under development as an informant of the Jackson Division for some two months.

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[redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D) was asked if he knew an individual named [redacted] to which he promptly replied, [redacted] He was thereafter shown a photograph of [redacted] Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department Number 38224 dated September 7, 1963. [redacted] promptly identified this photograph of [redacted] as being identical to the person he has known for many years as [redacted] [redacted] went on to relate that [redacted] got the nickname of [redacted] from his ability as a cowboy and according to [redacted] [redacted] was an excellent "broncho buster" and could ride almost any horse. [redacted] considered [redacted] to be an extremely hard and tough individual who would not hesitate to kill anyone. Extensive investigation was conducted in several field offices to concretely identify [redacted] and from the identification of [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, it was felt that [redacted] [redacted] was identical to [redacted]

Investigation by the Jackson Division at the Terrymore Motel in Jackson failed to disclose any registration that could be identified as being that of [redacted] In addition to the above identification of [redacted] as [redacted], Phoenix [redacted] was interviewed at Phoenix on 1/26/65. This informant advised he knew [redacted] and was well aware that [redacted] nickname is [redacted]

Based on this identification on 5/14/65, an attempt was made to interview [redacted], Inmate Number [redacted] at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Following his being advised of his rights, [redacted] stated at the outset he would not furnish any information. He did deny being contacted by anyone at any time to commit a murder and said he did not kill anyone for money or any other reason. He denied ever being hired by anyone in the South and specifically in Mississippi to commit any murder. He denied knowing anyone connected with the Ku Klux Klan.

[redacted] at this time stated he had never cooperated with any police officers and did not intend to start doing so now. He said he had been contacted by numerous officers and would appreciate it if police officers would not bother him again since they wasted his time, as he was working in the plumbing shop in the Penitentiary and could not be away from his job. [redacted] terminated the interview by getting up and leaving the room.

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By airtel to the Bureau dated 5/17/65, in case "WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER", the Bureau was advised of the attempted interview with [REDACTED]. Additionally, 9 copies of an FD 302 dated 5/17/65, was furnished to the Jackson Division. This showed the interview with [REDACTED]. At that time, it was the considered opinion of Agents that had worked cases involving [REDACTED] his associates, and Agents who handled the former case involving former Top Ten Fugitive JOHN GIBSON DILLON, that information that [REDACTED] was hired to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and that he did kill DILLON was not accurate nor truthful information. It was pointed out that following DILLON's murder there was a massive amount of rumor, speculation and hearsay information circulated among the criminal element concerning the death of DILLON. It was this hearsay information that was probably being reported by Jackson's informant in all honesty.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that HERMIT EUGENE WING, aka, ANTI-RACKETEERING, is the subject of a current pending file, Oklahoma City 92-588, Bureau file 92-9329. He is an Oklahoma ex-convict, Burglar, Armed Robber, who travels extensively throughout the United States. He was last interviewed by Bureau Agents, 3/5/68, where he was living at Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He was at that time employed at Jeanie's Lounge in Bartlesville.

LEADS

ATLANTA, JACKSON AND TAMPA DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Information copies of this communication are being furnished to Divisions above in the event additional inquiry appears necessary.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

At Fort Payne, Alabama

Although [REDACTED] is notorious for his failure to cooperate with police officers, it is suggested an attempt be made to interview him concerning his using the name [REDACTED] and being offered money by the Ku Klux Klan of

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Mississippi in 1964 to murder Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
An attempt should be made in the interview with [REDACTED]
to determine if he is at all familiar with JAMES EARL RAY,
present fugitive being sought for the murder of Dr. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR., and exhibit photograph of RAY to him.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
DANGEROUS.

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN

Re Tampa teletype to Director dated 4/15/68 and report of SA RICHARD K. HARPER dated 7/5/67 at Tampa entitled, "BERNARD CLINTON LWEIS, ET AL".

RE [REDACTED]

On 4/16/68, WILLIAM KENNETH KNIGHT, FBI #2557953 furnished the following information to Special Agent RICHARD K. HARPER at the Tampa City Jail where he is presently incarcerated.

KNIGHT advised that after thinking about the MARTIN LUTHER KING assassination he learned the following which he thought he should relate.

He advised the armed robbery of SHELBY JACKSON at Baton Rouge, Louisiana on June 5, 1966 about which KNIGHT furnished information to SA RICHARD K. HARPER which is contained in referenced report. The following incident took place while travelling toward Memphis, Tennessee along with

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KNIGHT advised that they were listening to the car radio and the news of the shooting of MEDGAR EVANS was broadcast and the three of them were trying to figure out a route to Memphis which would bypass possible road blocks. During the conversation which took place KNIGHT recalled [] discussing the fact that [] had been offered a \$10,000. payment to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. They did not elaborate on this other than to indicate that when both were in the state penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, some "agents" had come to interview [] concerning this alleged offer and payment and that he had "run them off" meaning that he had refused to talk to the agents about the matter.

KNIGHT was quizzed thoroughly concerning this incident and advised that it was not discussed further, nor would [] mention who had approached him with the offer.

KNIGHT stated that [] is perfectly capable of committing a murder and is a known hater of Negroes. According to KNIGHT, [] is not known to make jokes and it was believable to KNIGHT that an actual offer was made to [] by someone.

For the information of offices receiving, [] is presently incarcerated at Fort Payne, Alabama and has been incarcerated during the period of the MARTIN LUTHER KING murder which would definitely eliminate [] as a suspect.

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Furthermore, Tampa is not in a position to elaborate this information and it is requested that:

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA & McALESTER, OKLAHOMA

Review files for any pertinent details regarding "agents" attempting to interview [redacted] concerning alleged offer to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

For the information of Oklahoma City, Tampa files reflect [redacted] incarcerated at McAlester, Oklahoma from 3/9/65 - 5/10/68 under penitentiary [redacted] Oklahoma should advise the Bureau, Memphis and Birmingham of any pertinent information in this regard.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA

May desire to interview [redacted] [redacted] concerning this matter upon receipt of background information from Oklahoma.

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TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-
RE: MURKIN
CR

Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

- 1 - Each Continental Office
2 - Memphis

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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AT 44-2386

For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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FBI JKSN MISS

FBI DALLAS

258PM URGENT 4-26-68 LMB

TO JACKSON

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE DALLAS TEL, APRIL TWENTYTHREE, LAST AND JACKSON TEL, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST, RE INFO FROM [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] ADVISED APRIL TWENTYFIVE, LAST, SHE HAD WORKED FOR DEAVOURS NIX AS A PROSTITUTE SHORTLY BEFORE LAST CHRISTMAS WHICH WAS BEFORE SHE STARTED WORKING IN RESTAURANT IN LATTER PART OF MARCH, LAST. SHE WAS ALWAYS TAKEN TO A HOUSE ON OUTSKIRTS OF LAUREL AT NIGHT FOR HER PROSTITUTION DATES. HOUSE WAS ONE STORY, WAS AMONG OTHER LARGE HOUSES IN AREA WHICH WERE NOT CLOSE TOGETHER. THERE WAS GAS LIGHT IN FRONT YARD AND HAD A CHIMNEY WHICH WAS FOR MOCK FIREPLACE IN HOUSE. DOES NOT RECALL HOW MANY ROOMS IN HOUSE BUT RECALLS ONE ROOM WAS ALWAYS LOCKED AND BELIEVES THIS WAS WHERE KLAN MEETINGS WERE HELD. SHE WORKED AT HOUSE FROM ABOUT NINE PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT. DOES NOT KNOW ANY OF THE CUSTOMERS NIX AND THERE FOR HER.

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NIX'S STATEMENT " I GOT A CALL ON THE KING" WAS OVERHEARD WHEN SHE WAS UPSTAIRS IN THE RESTAURANT. BELIEVES STATEMENT WAS MADE TO MAN WHO LIVED UPSTAIRS AT RESTAURANT, NAME NOT RECALLED. SHE WAS IN BATHROOM AT TIME AND DOES NOT KNOW IF ANYONE ELSE PRESENT OUTSIDE WITH NEX. WHEN NIX MADE STATEMENT "MARTIN LUTHER KING IS DEAD", HE WAS STANDING IN LITTLE BOOTH WHERE FOOD IS SERVED TO PERSONS AT DRIVE-IN. SHE STATED THIS REMARK WAS MADE IN EARLY EVENING BUT SHE DOES NOT RECALL WHO WAS PRESENT.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS. P

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416PM URGENT 4/26/68 KAB

TO JACKSON

FROM COLUMBIA (44-289)

MURKIN CIVIL RIGHTS

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[REDACTED] N. CHARLESTON AFS, CHARLESTON, S.C.,
(CONCEAL) ADVISED TODAY THAT WHILE STATIONED KESSLER AFB, MISS.,
PRIOR TO SEPT. SIXTYSEVEN DID BUSINESS AT FERNWOOD TEXACO STATION,
FERNWOOD, MISS., , WHICH IS IN PART OF CITY OF BILOXI, MISS.

OWNER OF STATION WAYNE RODGERS AND RODGERS HAD TWO EMPLOYEES.
ONE OF THE EMPLOYEES, NAME UNRECALLED, DESCRIBED WHITE, MALE, FORTY-
FIFTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FT EIGHT INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE LBS., STATED
MANY TIMES THAT HE KNEW OF A MAN THAT WOULD PAY THREE HUNDRED FIFTY
THOUSAND TO FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO SOMEONE TO KILL KING.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED EMPLOYEE AS THE OLDER PERSON OF THE TWO PERSONS
EMPLOYED BY RODGERS.

[REDACTED] SAID WHEN HE LEFT AREA RODGERS INDICATED MOVING BUSINESS
TO SHELL SERVICE STATION THAT IS LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET FROM GUS
STEVENS, A WELL KNOWN RESTAURANT IN BILOXI, MISS.

JACKSON LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RODGERS AND EMPLOYEE RE ABOVE.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AM. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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830 PM URGENT 4/26/68 LCC
TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU
AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN
PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS
CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE
MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY
BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO
ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE
FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS.
THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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REM

FBI JKSN MISS

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FBI DALLAS

858PM URGENT 4-26-68 LJF

TO JACKSON, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

MURKIN

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL TO DALLAS AND MEMPHIS, APRIL TWENTYFIVE,
LAST.

JAMES L. GATTEN, ONE ZERO ZERO FIVE MEYER, APARTMENT FORIY
ONE, IRVING, TEXAS, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING TODAY:

HE IS BELL HOP AT RAMADA INN, LOVE FIELD, DALLAS, TEXAS, AND
DELIVERS CARS FOR HERTZ THRUOUT THE UNITED STATES.

ON APRIL SIX LAST GATTEN LEFT ATLANTA, GA., ENROUTE TO DALLAS
IN HERTZ CAR. [ON EARLY AM APRIL SEVEN LAST GATTEN PICKED UP A
HITCH HIKER ON INTERSTATE FIFTY NINE, ABOUT TEN MILES WEST OF
INTERSECTION OF INTERSTATE FIFTY NINE AND STATE ROUTE FORTY NINE.
HITCH HIKER WAS IN REMOTE AREA, AND TOLD GATTEN THAT HE HAD
BEEN DROPPED OFF BY TRUCK WHICH TURNED OFF ON RURAL ROAD] HITCH
JHIKER RODE WITH GATTEN TO MIDTOWN NEW ORLEANS WHERE HE GOT OUT
ON INTERSTATE TEN NEAR INTERSECTION OF TULANE STREET, STATING HE
WOULD TAKE A CITY BUS FROM THERE.

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HITCH HIKER DESCRIBED AS : WHITE MALE THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY, LIGHT SANDY BROWN HAIR, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES TO SIX FEET ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY FIVE POUNDS, UNSHAVEN, APPROXIMATELY ONE DAYS LIGHT COLORED BEARD, WEARING SHORT SLEEVED SPORT SHIRT, BLUE DRESS SLACKS, LOAFERS, SPOKE WITH SOUTHERN DRAWL NOT VERY NOTICABLE. HITCH HIKER SMOKED SEVERAL CIGARETTES, AND APPEARED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH PLANT LIFE OF THAT AREA. STATED HE WAS IN MERCHANT MARINES, AND PICKING UP A SHIP IN NEW ORLEANS.

GATTEN DISPLAYED WANTED FLYER, RE JAMES EARL RAY, AND STATED NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT PICTURE RESEMBLED THE HITCH HIKER. THE OTHER TWO PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE FLYER DID NOT RESEMBLE HITCH HIKER AT ALL.

GATTEN DOES NOT RECALL IF HITCH HIKER HAD LONG POINTED NOSE, DIMPLE IN CHIN, OR PROMINENT LEFT EAR.

DURING TRIP NO MENTION WAS MADE BY EITHER PERSON OF THE KING MURDER.

JACKSON: ATTEMPT TO LOCATE TRUCK DRIVER WHO DROPPED HITCH HIKER OFF IN RURAL AREA ON INTERSTATE FIFTY NINE, ABOUT TEN MILES WEST INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE FORTY NINE AND INTERVIEW RE HITCHHIKER.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re Chicago tel to Jackson, Birmingham and Memphis dated 4/20/68; Jackson airtel to Memphis dated 4/22/68 re GERALD ELWOOD HULTGREN, FBI #745724D.

For the information of New Orleans, Mrs. LENORE STEWART, Chicago, Ill., advised that her son, GERALD ELWOOD HULTGREN, last known to be residing in Pascagoula, Miss., with an individual named E. M. RAY, allegedly took a trip to an unknown location. Mrs. STEWART furnished E. M. RAY's name as a possible suspect in this matter.

Referenced Jackson airtel disclosed that E. M. RAE, correct spelling, is a lifelong resident of Pascagoula, is well known in the community and bears no similarity of descriptions of subject.

HULTGREN is presently being sought by Pascagoula PD as a suspect in the theft of a pay check of E. M. RAE.

In view of the above investigation at Pascagoula, New Orleans should discontinue efforts to locate HULTGREN

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who allegedly left for New Orleans, Louisiana, IN that
E. M. RAE has been eliminated as a possible suspect.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC JACKSON 157-9586

DATE: 4-23-68

FROM : SA M. PALMER MILLER

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SUBJECT: MURKIN
RE: DRIVERS LICENSE CHECKS

THOMAS J. GERMANY:

DOB [REDACTED] (no GERMANY located DOB 7-20-31), POB Newton, Miss. address Conehatta, Miss., 39057; Social Security # [REDACTED] wife PEGGY; employed since 8-17-64 at Lazy Boy, Newton, Miss.; no illness or absence from work in last 6 months. Info furnished by ELIZABETH BOULTON, Lazy Boy. No arrest record Newton County, Miss.

ROBERT JOHN CARRIVEAU

DOB 7-20-31, POB Two Rivers, Wisc., address (permanent) Rt. 1, Rogersville, Ala., Phone 205-247-5206; employment since 11-19-63 as AC1, USN, Service # 303-13-31, assigned NAAS Meridian 5-29-67; wife CLARA DARLENE to whom married 7-19-50; 3 children; social security # [REDACTED]; mother ELLA nm FARR CARRIVEAU, 1812 Washington St., Manitowoc, Wisc.; father BENNY WEE BUTLER, Rt. 1, Rogersville, Ala.; part time job with Singer Sewing Machine, 802 22dn Ave., Meridian; Ht. 5'7", Wt. 170; on leave from NAAS 4-2-68 to 4-7-68 at Rogersville, Ala.; not a discipline problem while in USN. Info furnished by F.B. KAUFFMANN, SRA, ONI, NAAS Meridian from Navy service record of CARRIVEAU.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN,

Reference SAC, memo to all Agents dated 4/18/68, regarding check of Miss. Driver's License Checks.

On 4/19/68 Thomas Stephenson, Manager of the Meridian Credit Bureau Meridian, Miss. advised that HAROLD JAMES NANCE 2711 11th St. Meridian, Miss. is a waiter at Weidmans Rest. and has been so employed for the past ten years. He is married to Nancy Alice Nance and their credit is listed as satisfactory.

On 4/19/68 observation of NANCE at his employment and subsequent interview failed to determine that he has ever seen anyone that is identical with ERIC STARVO GAULT.

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS

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SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re Jackson letter to New Orleans 5/22/68.

RE LEANDER "LEE" D'AVY

Referenced Jackson communication set out lead for New Orleans at Donaldsonville, Louisiana, to contact pipelines, re identity of driver of 1961 Chevrolet with Texas license plates.

New Orleans is requested to discontinue this lead inasmuch as D'AVY has stated the driver of this vehicle is definitely not identical with the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and bears no resemblance to the photograph.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/22/68, Mr. LEANDER "LEE" D'AVY, 348 Idlewild, Jackson, Mississippi, appeared at the Jackson Office of the FBI, and furnished the following information to SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS:

D'AVY advised he is unemployed at the present time, but has previously worked as a cab driver and at numerous odd jobs such as selling fishing worms, acting as a doorman at some bars on Bourbon Street in New Orleans, and a variety of jobs, after receiving a General discharge from the U. S. Army for stealing a Government vehicle.

D'AVY said he was hitchhiking with his ten-year-old son, [REDACTED], on April 9, 1968, at Brookhaven, Mississippi. He caught a ride in front of the Coca-Cola Plant in Brookhaven, with a man who acted suspicious, and who had the name "Ray" written on the back of the Texas Inspection Sticker on the windshield of his car. D'AVY pointed out this was the day of the funeral of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and after reading in the paper that JAMES EARL RAY was alleged to be the murderer, he believes this man whom he caught a ride with might be involved in the murder of Dr. KING in some way. The unidentified man offering D'AVY and his son a ride from Brookhaven, Miss., to Baton Rouge, Miss., was driving about a 1961 Chevrolet, four door sedan, medium green in color, with current Texas license plates, number not recalled or recorded. The unidentified driver claimed he

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had recently worked on a pipe-line job near Grenada, Mississippi, and was presently enroute to another new pipe-line job in Donaldsonville, Louisiana.

During the trip, D'AVY started to comment about Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and this caused the unidentified driver to become very upset and pound his fists on the steering wheel. D'AVY claimed the driver never gave him any name whatsoever, but he believes his name may have been RAY, since that was the name on the back of the Texas Inspection Sticker on the windshield. He said the Miss. Highway Safety Patrol stopped them just outside of Brookhaven, Miss., on a routine-type driver's license check. The driver exhibited a Texas driver's license to the patrolman. The patrolman also noted that one of the headlights did not work on this car; however, allowed them to continue on without receiving any type of ticket. During the drive to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the unidentified driver gave D'AVY's ten-year-old son a cheap, inexpensive ring which was made in Mexico, and which he took from the glove compartment of the car. D'AVY still has this ring.

D'AVY described the unidentified driver as follows: white male, age 25-35, 5' 9" in height, 180 pounds, blue or green eyes, sandy colored brown hair with a full head of hair combed straight, no glasses, did not smoke, had on no rings, and did not appear to be carrying anything in the way of suitcases or clothes inside the car. He spoke with a normal accent which was not particularly regional. He claimed to be from Orange, Texas, originally, but did not know several people named by D'AVY who are supposedly well-known in Orange, Texas.

D'AVY viewed several photographs, including the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated the unidentified driver who picked him up is definitely not identical with the photographs and bears no resemblance to the photographs.

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D'AVY theorized that as soon as the true identity of the killer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING became known to the public, it was necessary for those who had participated in the murder with RAY, to eliminate RAY in order that he could never identify them. D'AVY claims he has not only theorized about this, but he has dreamed about it also, and felt he should tell the FBI about it.

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AT DONALDSONVILLE, LOUISIANA

Will contact pipe-line companies with current activity in the Donaldsonville, Louisiana, area, and attempt to identify and interview unknown individual described above who is allegedly driving about a 1961 Chevrolet, medium green, four door sedan, with Texas license plates, and determine whereabouts of this person during the last week of March, 1968, and the first week of April, 1968.

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TO JACKSON

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 1P

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RE: MICHAEL WHEAT (LOOKALIKE)

MARGUERITE NIMTZ, NEW ORLEANS, LA., ADVISES THAT SHE IS THE PRINCIPAL OF A LOCAL NEW ORLEANS SCHOOL. RECENTLY SHE WAS CONTACTED IN REGARD TO PURCHASING BOOKS. THE BOOK SALESMAN GAVE HIS NAME AS MICHAEL WHEAT, ONE TWO ZERO S. GRAY AVE., PICAYUNE, MISS., TELEPHONE NO. SEVEN NINE EIGHT - FOUR SIX FIVE SEVEN.

NIMTZ STATES THAT WHEAT BEARS A RESEMBLANCE TO JAMES EARL RAY, WHOSE PHOTO SHE HAS OBSERVED IN NEW ORLEANS NEWSPAPERS. JACKSON AT PICAYUNE, MISS., LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WHEAT IN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE AS RAY.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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said Picayune handled by O'Neill.
Files will have this handled today.*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA RICHARD L. BROCK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone call to SA PUDDISTER 4/16/68.

On 4/16/68 HUBERT HENDERSON, Chief of Police, Forest, Miss., furnished the following information to SA RICHARD L. BROCK and SA JOHN B. RUCKER, JR.:

At approximately 7:15 AM on 4/16/68 Chief HENDERSON stopped a late-model white Comet automobile bearing 1968 Mississippi license HB 8230 in Forest, Miss., after another individual had reported that the driver of the Comet automobile had run him off the road near Morton, Miss.

Chief HENDERSON advised that the passenger in the Comet automobile was named PETE WALKER and remained at the Forest PD while the driver of the Comet was taken to Morton to appear before Justice of the Peace HOLLINGSWORTH on a reckless-driving charge.

During conversation with WALKER, HENDERSON stated that WALKER related he had flown into Jackson, Miss., at 4:00 AM this date and had been met by the driver of the Comet, both of whom worked for an insurance company. WALKER related that his travels take him all over, and he specifically referred to being in and out of Tennessee on frequent occasions. In addition he mentioned travels to Birmingham, Alabama, and Atlanta, Georgia.

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WALKER stated he lives in Pearl, Miss., where he built a home after purchasing three acres of land, in that he formerly resided in Magee, Miss. HENDERSON stated that during conversation with WALKER the weather was discussed and WALKER mentioned that it was raining "like hell the day that Nigger was shot." WALKER added he was in Meridian when KING was shot. HENDERSON advised he noticed that WALKER bore a striking resemblance to a sketch of the assassin of KING seen in a newspaper, and he attempted to elicit information from WALKER concerning his background while he and WALKER conversed at the police station.

HENDERSON recalls that WALKER may have been divorced at one time in the past.

HENDERSON described PETE WALKER as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Hair	Brown, cut short and combed straight back
Eyes	Blue, prominent
Age	35 - 38 years
Height	5' 10"
Weight	150 - 160 pounds
Build	Medium
Dress	Neat appearance, dark business suit, dark tie, and white shirt
Outstanding Characteristics	Receding hairline at temples, very long nose

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HENDERSON described the driver of the Comet automobile as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	27 - 28 years
Hair	Light brown to sandy
Height	Six feet
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Medium

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HENDERSON further advised that one of his patrolmen, RAY DERRICK, made mention to HENDERSON after WALKER had left the police station that WALKER looked like someone he had seen before, at which point HENDERSON referred DERRICK to the sketches of KING's murderer and DERRICK remarked that that was where he had seen WALKER, pointing out the fact that WALKER and the sketch of KING's assailant appeared extremely similar.

On 4/16/68 RUDY ADCOX, Patrolman, MHSP, Forest, Miss., advised that the driver of the white Comet automobile, charged with reckless driving on 4/16/68, was ERNEST GENE BROWN, 1135 Grand Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi, born [REDACTED] ADCOX further stated he knew PETE WALKER years ago in Magee where WALKER was reared, and that WALKER has a brother who resembles him.

ADCOX further stated that he has not seen a sketch of the assailant of KING and, therefore, could not compare the likeness of WALKER to the sketches.

On 4/16/68 ROBERT MC QUEEN, Dispatcher, MHSP, Meridian, Miss., advised that 1968 Mississippi tag HB-8230 was issued to GENE ERNEST BROWN, 1135 Grand, Jackson, Miss., for a 1963 Mercury.

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LEADS:

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AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. Interview ERNEST GENE BROWN, 1135 Grand Avenue, re employment, full name, and residence of PETE WALKER.

2) Locate and interview PETE WALKER, obtain background data and photographs, and determine whereabouts during pertinent periods per this investigation, and forward information and photographs to Memphis and Birmingham Division. Consider additional investigation at Magee, Mississippi, if situation warrants.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA DAVID H. PHILLIPS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA RICHARD L. BROCK 4/16/68.

On 4/16/68 PETE LAVON WALKER, 3467 Old Brandon Road, Jackson, Miss., was interviewed at his place of employment, the Reserve Life Insurance Company, Jackson, Miss., at which time he advised he is the individual that was with ERNEST GENE BROWN, 1135 Grand Avenue at approximately 7:15 PM on 4/16/68 when BROWN was arrested by the Forest Police Department on a local traffic charge.

WALKER advised that he is currently in training with the Reserve Life Insurance Company and as a result travels throughout Miss. and La. He advised that on the day that Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was shot he was in Meridian, Miss. where he was registered at the Holiday Inn. WALKER advised that he stayed at the Holiday Inn on Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the shooting and arrived home on Thursday, the day that KING was shot.

WALKER advised that he was working with an insurance agent by the name of HENDRICK and that his presence could easily be substantiated.

WALKER voluntarily came to the Jackson FBI Office and submitted to photograph.

The following is a physical description of WALKER obtained through observation and interview:

Name	PETE LAVON WALKER
Date of Birth	8/24/34
Place of Birth	Magee, Mississippi



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Military Service	U.S. Army, 1954 - 1956
Serial Number	U.S. 5323690
Social Security #	425-66-2141
Wife	ALICE H. WALKER
Arrests	States only traffic arrests
Mother	Mrs. W. J. WALKER, Magee, Miss.

WALKER advised that the last time he was in Memphis, Tenn. was in either 1962 or 1963 and he further advised that in 1964 he was a patient at Baptist Hospital, Jackson, Miss. as a result of an automobile accident which resulted in a nervous condition.

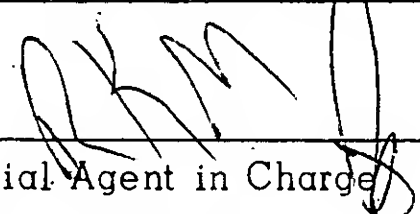
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FROM: JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN.

RE DALLAS TEL FOUR TWENTY-SIX, LAST. INFO FROM
JAMES L. GATTEN.INTERSTATE FIFTY-NINE AND U. S. FORTY-NINE BOTH
SUPER FOUR-LANE HIGHWAYS WHICH INTERSECT AT HATTIESBURG, MISS.
ALL EXITS ARE HIGH SPEED EXITS AT PRINCIPAL HIGHWAY INTERCHANGES
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RAY HAS NOT BEEN SEEN IN THESE AREAS. THEY ADVISED THAT NUMEROUS
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AND COULD FURNISH NO IDENTITY CONCERNING THE TRUCK DRIVER
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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By communication dated 4/22/68, the Atlanta Office advised as follows:

For the information of receiving offices, Subject JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68, through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

All receiving offices are requested to check car recoveries within their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for Subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

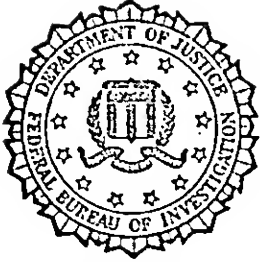
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

P. O. Box 1450
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
April 26, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY
IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO. 4182

Dear Sir:

Attached is material on JAMES EARL RAY who
was added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives,"
Saturday, p.m., April 20, 1968.

Very truly yours,

ROY K. MOORE,
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, which already contains ten fugitives, to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his prompt location. Ray has been the subject of a massive search since the gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel.

An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom FBI wanted notices have been posted determined that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery.

Possessing an arrest record dating back to 1949, Ray has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders.

A 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on March 10, 1928, Ray is approximately 5'10" tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably.

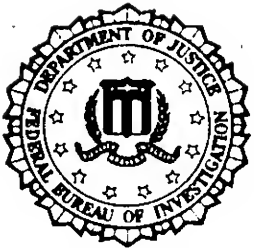
Described as a "loner and "drifter," with a "rural" quality in his speech, Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, also known as
Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard, James McBride, James
Walton, W. C. Herron and James
O'Conner

FUGITIVE

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

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An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices have been posted in the FBI's Identification Division, succeeded in determining that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery, based on a Federal warrant issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri. He had been confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in March, 1960, with a 20-year sentence following conviction for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In September, 1966, while serving the sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri. He was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary since April 23, 1967.

Ray, who has an arrest record dating back to 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders, has also been confined in the Los Angeles County Jail, the Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, State Prisons and the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

He served in the Army between February, 1946, and December, 1948, received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest and was given a General Discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service.

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on March 10, 1928. He is approximately 5'10" inches tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair which he has worn cut short. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has been described as having a straight, narrow nose and straight and even teeth and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has had limited education.

He is reportedly a fan of western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly and claims past employment as a merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels. He is known to have worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

He is known as an avid dancer who has taken dancing lessons. He also completed a course at a school of bartending in the Los Angeles area early in 1968.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.

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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

RE: JOHN HUBEART WILLARD
PONTOTOC, MISSISSIPPI

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are three copies and for Memphis and Birmingham two copies each of an FD-302 reflecting interview of JOHN HUBEART WILLARD on April 22, 1968.

JOHN HUBEART WILLARD, Pontotoc, Miss., who is employed by the Day-Brite Lighting Company, Tupelo, Mississippi, was interviewed by Special Agents and exhibited photographs of Subject JAMES EARL RAY. Background investigation has previously been conducted concerning WILLARD and his whereabouts during the pertinent period and he has been eliminated by witnesses. He was working during the pertinent period and this has been substantiated by active investigation. WILLARD was questioned concerning his associates and contacts over the past two years and indicated he can recall no incidents where he could have ever come in contact with the subject in this matter.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Dictated <u>4/18/68</u> to <u>BARBARA BREAZEAL (r/d)</u> Transcribed <u>4/22/68</u> Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 4/18/68 Date(s) of activity April, 1968
Brief description of activity or material MURKIN; UKA, Newton County		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b)7 - (D)
Remarks: <p style="text-align: center;"><u>INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ENCLOSED REPORT, IF USED IN A REPORT BEING PREPARED FOR DISSEMINATION, SHOULD BE SUITABLY PARAPHRASED IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS INFORMANT.</u></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;">FOIA(b)7 - (D)</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 - 157-9586 (MURKIN)1 - 157-4480 (UKA, Newton County)1 - 157-399 (Riot)1 - 157-9562 (Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church) <p><i>ldh</i></p>		

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B. J. [Signature]

Source advised that he could provide no info re the KING assassination and that no Klan meetings were held in Newton County. He said that he had no info re any intended riot activity and he said that he expected none. No info re Mt. Pleasant Church.

(It should be noted that the contact with source was very brief. He was contacted on the interstate highway job and it was not desirable to be seen there by others.)

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To: SAC's, Jackson (157-9586) - Enc. (3)
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

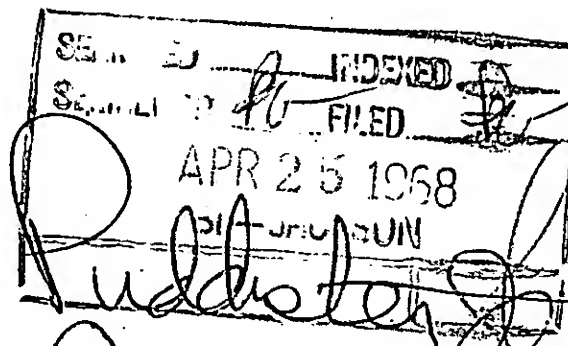
Re Jackson airtel 4-16-68, submitting an envelope, Q238, and accompanying letter, Q239, sent to the Chief of Police, Meridian, Mississippi.

Four latent fingerprints developed on the envelope and two latent fingerprints developed on the letter. Two latent fingerprints on the letter are identical with the fingerprints of Chief of Police C. L. Gunn, whose fingerprints were also submitted. The four latent fingerprints on the envelope are not identical with the fingerprints of Gunn, or with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

Q238, Q239, and the fingerprints of Gunn are enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

FOIA(b)(6)
FOIA(b)(7) - (C)

On 4/22/68, SA REECIE L. TIMMONS advised that he accepted an urgent collect telephone call at the McComb RA from Centreville, Miss.

The calling party was determined to be [redacted] telephone number 645-5198, Centreville, Miss.

Place this name in Chronic Complaint box

[redacted] preceeded to relate to SA TIMMONS full details of who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, the parties responsible in the KENNEDY assassination and futher that an ex-FBI Agent who is now an escaped convict had something to do with the KENNEDY assassination.

SA TIMMONS said [redacted] rambled on incoherently for a few minutes when he interrupted her and cautioned her about telephoning the FBI on a collect call basis and ranting on about matters in which she had no specific information.

On 4/23/68, SA CHARLES W. WILMORE, JR., advised that he had accepted a telephone charge on an urgent collect call from Centreville, Miss., wherein he talked at length to [redacted]

SA WILMORE submitted a memorandum dated 4/23/68, setting forth information furnished by [redacted]. SA WILMORE described [redacted] as seeming extremely agitated and incoherent. He said he advised her that the information she furnished would be checked and if necessary she would be contacted on a personal basis.

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It is recommended that no action be taken concerning information furnished by the [] woman and that her name be indexed as a chronic complainant.

All Agents should be advised not to accept collect telephone calls from Centreville, Miss.]

*all advised by R/S
not to accept collect call
4/24/68*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM : SA CHARLES W. WILMORE, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

FOIA(b)(6)
FOIA(b)(7) - (C)

At 11:00 AM on 4/23/68 a collect telephone call was received at the Greenville RA from [redacted] at 645-5198, Centerville, Mississippi. *(McComb)*

[redacted] said the man who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING was at her house in Centerville on 4/12/68. She said he was going under the name of BOB DEAN and living at 6612 Asher Street in New Orleans, Louisiana. She said he was receiving his mail in care of M. WOODS, telephone number 887-0672, New Orleans. She also said he worked for Allied Chemical.

[redacted] said she had previously furnished information in this matter to a Mr. SINGLETON, who is an FBI Agent at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and had contacted an agent in McComb, Mississippi.

She said the photograph they ran of the killer in the Jackson Daily News was correct; however, it had the wrong name. She said the killer and his brother are from Greenville, Miss., but also stayed in Baton Rouge and New Orleans. She said she was very interested in having him caught, as she was afraid he would come back to her house and harm her. She said she was unable to remember his true name.

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[REDACTED] said she had full details regarding the KENNEDY assassination if that information was desired. She said she had some information concerning an ex-FBI agent who was now an escaped convict who had something to do with the KENNEDY assassination.

She was extremely agitated and incoherent during the interview. She was advised that the information she furnished would be checked out and that she would be contacted if necessary.

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FOIA(b)7 - (D)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Re Jackson teletype to Bureau dated 4/17/68.

Prior to receipt of referenced teletype, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is very well acquainted with individuals and activities of the American Nazi Party, (ANP), was contacted by SA JAMES W. ANDERTON, on the late evening of 4/4/68. At that time informant stated that an informal meeting of the ANP had been held earlier in the evening, and that the usual members (including those mentioned in referenced teletype) were present during the meeting.

In view of above, and since subject of MURKIN has been identified as JAMES EARL RAY, Dallas conducting no further investigation into this phase of MURKIN.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO MOBILE (157-2627)

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN.

RE: SUSPECT JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE.

RE MOBILE TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST.

INVESTIGATION MUSIC BOX LOUNGE, ONE NINE THREE SIX CANAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS, REVEALS NO PERSON HAVING NAME JOE LIVED OR WORKED AT MUSIC BOX LOUNGE WITHIN LAST MONTH. MUSIC BOX IS A THIRD RATE SKID ROW TYPE BAR WITH FLOP HOUSE TYPE ROOMS ON SECOND FLOOR. THIS BAR IS CLOSED AS OF TODAY.

MOBILE RECONTACT RAYMOND M. HILBURN FOR COMPLETE DETAILS OF HIS CONTACT WITH MONTAGNE INCLUDING DESCRIPTIVE DATA, HILBURN'S COMMENTS RE MONTAGNE'S RESEMBLANCE TO RAY, WHERE MONTAGNE SAID HE WAS FROM, ETC. SUTEL.

AIR MAIL COPIES MEMPHIS AND JACKSON.

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WFK:sam

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(1) - Jackson - Air Mail)

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO NEW ORLEANS (157-10678)
CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE: SUSPECT JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO MOBILE APR. TWENTY AND MOBILE AIRTEL
MEMPHIS AND OTHER OFFICES, APR. TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYEIGHT.

TWENTYFOUR INSTANT RAYMOND M. HILBURN LOCATED ONE THREE
ZERO W. PATTON STREET, MONTGOMERY, ALA. HE REPORTED TO SA
JOHN C. MC CLUNEY:

ON APR. NINETEEN LAST HE TRAVELED TO NEW ORLEANS, LA.,
IN HIS WHITE CORVAIR, ILL. LICENSE D-G THREE ONE ZERO NINE.
SOUTH MOBILE, ALA., HE PICKED UP HITCHHIKER JOSEPH (LNU).
AT PASCAGOULA, MISS., THEY WERE STOPPED BY PD. JOSEPH
IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO OFFICER WHO SAID HE RESEMBLED GALT.

ON APR. TWENTYTHREE LAST HILBURN LEFT JOSEPH AT NEW
ORLEANS, LA. JOSEPH IS EMPLOYED AS BARTENDER AND RESIDES AT
MUSIC BOX LOUNGE, ONE NINE ZERO ZERO CANAL ST. NEW ORLEANS, LA.

- 1 - Jackson (157-1586) (AM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- 1 - Mobile

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NEW ORLEANS INTERVIEW JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE.

CHICAGO DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE HILBURN.

AM COPIES MEMPHIS AND JACKSON.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Jackson (157-9586)**

Date: **April 24, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: **Jackson**
Reference: **Airtel 4/17/68**
Examination requested: **Toolmarks - Document**
Remarks:

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **PC-A5780 BX**
D-561212 JK

The evidence, K169 and K170, listed in the enclosed report is being temporarily retained in the Laboratory.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**To: **FBI, Jackson**Date: **April 24, 1968**Re: **MURKIN**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **PC-A5780 BX
D-561212 JK**Specimens received **4/19/68****K169 Empty Schlitz beer can, 12-ounce size, from Southaven
Minnow Shop****K170 Brown paper bag from Southaven Minnow Shop****Results of examination:**

Marks appearing in the number impressions on the bottoms of K169 and the previously submitted Q53 can of beer were identified as having been made by the same number dies. The marks on the Q52 can of beer were not identified with K169 or Q53, possibly because the marks were not so deeply or completely impressed in Q52.

The K170 paper bag was found to be similar in all observable characteristics to the Q55 paper bag which was previously submitted.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To: **FBI, Jackson**Re: **MURKIN**Date: **April 24, 1968**FBI File No. **44-38861**Lab. No. **PC-A5780 BX**
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 24, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: Jackson, Savannah,
Richmond

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560792 JK
D-560790 JK
D-560788 JK

Reference: Airtels, 4/12/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

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- 1 - Savannah (44-1768) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Albany (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)

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of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

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Lab. No. D-560792 JK

D-560790 JK

D-560788 JK

Specimens received 4/15/68, from FBI, Savannah

K36 Piece of paper bearing five specimens of laundry tape taken from a machine used by the Taylor-Hulse Dry Cleaning and Laundry, Augusta, Georgia

Specimen received 4/15/68, from FBI, Richmond

K37 Two pieces of paper bearing six specimens of laundry tape obtained from a Thermo Seal marking machine used by the Bonnie Bright Laundry, Arlington, Virginia

Specimen received 4/15/68, from FBI, Jackson

K38 Seventeen specimens of laundry tape taken from a Thermo Seal marking machine located at the Ellisville State School, Ellisville, Mississippi

K39 Eleven pieces of laundry tape five of which bear samples taken from a Poly Mark machine of the Crescent Laundry, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

K40 Two pieces of cloth bearing specimens obtained from a Thermo Seal marking machine located at Long's Laundry and Cleaners, Tupelo, Mississippi

K41 Two pieces of cloth bearing specimens obtained from a Poly Mark machine located at the University of Mississippi

K42 Thirty-eight specimens of laundry tape taken from a Thermo Seal marking machine located at the Keesler Air Force Base Laundry, Biloxi, Mississippi

K43 Eighteen specimens of laundry tape taken from a Poly Mark machine located at Rex's Southern Cleaners, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

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Result of examination:

It was concluded that the laundry tags appearing on the Q69 and Q70 articles of clothing were not prepared by any of the machines used to prepare the specimens represented by K36 through K43.

K36 through K43 have been retained.

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Date: 4/25/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, AND MEMPHIS

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE REGARDING INFORMATION RECEIVED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FROM DOROTHY D. COTTON, SCLC.

REVEREND L. P. PONDER, SIX ZERO ONE OWEN STREET, COLUMBIA, MISSISSIPPI, ADVISED HE WAS NOT IN POSSESSION OF INFORMATION POSSIBLY CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY. HE STATED HERKLEY ALFORD, ROUTE TWO, FOXWORTH, MISSISSIPPI, WAS SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

HERKLEY ALFORD ADVISED HIS SISTER-IN-LAW, GUSSIE MINGO, WORKS FOR MRS. M. D. SCHWARZAUER AND HAD OVERHEARD MRS. SCHWARZAUER COMMENT AFTER SEEING PICTURE OF RAY ON T.V. THAT HE WAS PERSON TO WHOM SHE HAD RENTED AN APARTMENT IN COLUMBIA, MISSISSIPPI.

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MRS. M. D. SCHWARZAUER WHO RESIDES AT ROUTE TWO, FOXWORTH, MISSISSIPPI, WAS LOCATED IN POPLARVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, WHERE SHE

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Approved: OK Send

Special Agent in Charge

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ADVISED AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY THAT HE WAS NOT IDENTICAL WITH PERSON TO WHOM SHE RENTED APARTMENT. SCHWARZAUER STATED THAT IN OCTOBER, SIXTY SEVEN, SHE RENTED A TWO-ROOM APARTMENT AT SIX ZERO SIX CHURCH STREET, COLUMBIA, MISSISSIPPI, TO A YOUNG MAN WHO GAVE HIS NAME AS EARL WILLIAM RAY. THIS INDIVIDUAL ADVISED HER THAT HE WAS GETTING MARRIED AND WOULD BRING HIS WIFE TO LIVE IN THE APARTMENT WITH HIM. SCHWARZAUER RELATED RAY ONLY OCCUPIED THE APARTMENT FOR ONE NIGHT AND THEN LEFT. SHE STATED RAY WAS UNKNOWN TO HER AND THAT SHE HAS NOT SEEN HIM SINCE OCTOBER, SIXTY SEVEN, WHEN HE RENTED THE APARTMENT. SCHWARZAUER STATED THAT UPON SEEING PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY ON T. V. IN PRESENCE OF HER SISTER AND HER MAID, GUSSIE MINGO, SHE JOKINGLY REMARKED THAT THIS MUST BE THE INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM SHE RENTED HER APARTMENT. SCHWARZAUER STATED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO RENTED HER APARTMENT BEARS NO RESEMBLANCE TO JAMES EARL RAY. AND SHE STATED THAT SINCE APARTMENT

Ray was a young man.

AND IS NOT SAME PERSON.

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Special Agent in Charge

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WAS VACATED BY EARL WILLIAM RAY, SHE HAS HAD IT COMPLETELY
REDECORATED THROUGHOUT.

EARL WILLIAM RAY UNKNOWN TO COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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Special Agent in Charge

FBI WASH DC

FBI JKSN MISS

551PM URGENT 4-25-68 JKK

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

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EARL WILLIAM RAY UNKNOWN TO COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), DALLAS (44-2649), JACKSON,

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FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

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RE PHOENIX TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY TWO, SIXTYEIGHT,
RE RICHARD HARRELL.

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FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649) (3 P)

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AND MEMPHIS, APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

PARENTS OF R. B. HARRELL AKA RICHARD AND JIMMY, LOCATED
AND INTERVIEWED AT ABERNATHY, TEXAS, THIS DATE. ADVISED WHEREABOUTS
SON UNKNOWN BUT WAS LAST HEARD FROM ONE YEAR AGO FROM BAKERSFIELD,
CALIFORNIA. PARENTS NOT COOPERATIVE IN PROVIDING INFO CONCERNING
SON, BUT PROVIDED FOLLOWING RELATIVES OF R. B. HARRELL:

BROTHER - HENRY HARRELL, LOONEY FARM, IDALOU, TEXAS; BROTHER -
J. C. HARRELL, TWO ONE TWO AVENUE C. ABERNATHY, TEXAS; UNCLE -
RICHARD HARRELL, WILLOW CREEK, CALIFORNIA; AUNT - JEWELL CRANE,
LAKE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS; GRANDMOTHER - FANNIE GILL LIVES WITH JEWELL
CRANE, ABOVE; UNCLE - JOE BONHAM, PUCKETT, MISSISSIPPI.

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J. C. HARRELL, BROTHER OF R. B., INTERVIEWED AT ABERNATHY, TEXAS, AND ADVISED LAST HEARD FROM OR SAW BROTHER THREE YEARS AGO WHEN R. B. TOOK HIS PICKUP AND LEFT ABERNATHY. HE BELIEVED HE WAS DRIVING TO CALIFORNIA. R. B. HAS NOT COMMUNICATED WITH HIM SINCE THAT TIME. HE BELIEVES R. B. IS IN CALIFORNIA. WHEN HE LEFT ABERNATHY, R. B. WAS TRAVELING WITH A WOMAN, NAME UNKNOWN, AND HER CHILDREN.

JACKSON. AT PUCKETT, MISSISSIPPI. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JOE BONHAM, UNCLE OF R. B. HARRELL, AND INTERVIEW FOR BACKGROUND INFO AND WHEREABOUTS R. B.

LITTLE ROCK. AT LAKE VILLAGE. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JEWELL CRANE AND FANNIE GILL AS ABOVE.

SAN FRANCISCO. AT WILLOW CREEK. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RICHARD HARRELL FOR BACKGROUND INFO AND WHEREABOUTS R. B. HARRELL.

DALLAS. AT IDALOU, TEXAS. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HENRY HARRELL AS ABOVE.

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DALLAS (44-2649), KANSAS CITY, AND JACKSONVILLE.

FROM PHOENIX (44-371) 2P

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

REPXTEL APRIL TWENTYONE LAST.

EDNA WILSON, WIFE OF DAVID L. WILSON, LISTENED TO TAPE OF ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALLER AND STATED SHE HAS HEARD THE VOICE BEFORE AND BELIEVES IT IS THAT OF HER FORMER HUSBAND RICHARD HARRELL, AKA JIMMY, FROM WHOM SHE SEPARATED IN LATE FIFTYTHREE. HARRELL WAS COMMITTED THERAFTER TO ARIZONA STATE PENITENTIARY, FLORENCE ARIZONA, FROM FLAGSTAFF SO, AND SHE BELIEVES HE HAS BEEN IN PEN ELSEWHERE ALSO. SHE MARRIED HARRELL AT LAKE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS WHERE HIS PARENTS LIVE AND FATHER IS BELIEVED NAMED EMMET HARRELL. HE ALSO HAS A MARRIED SISTER FANNIE LNU AT MC GEE, ARKANSAS. AFTER SHE MARRIED DAVID WILSON THEY WENT TO IDAHO IN SUMMER OF NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND AT THAT TIME HARRELL CAME TO RESIDENCE OF HER SISTER TILLIE HERNANDEZ AT FLAGSTAFF LOOKING FOR EDNA WILSON. IT IS NOTED ANONYMOUS CALLER MENTIONED HE HAD BEEN OUT TO THE HERNANDEZ HOUSE ONCE.

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RECORDS OF COCONINO COUNTY SO, FLAGSTAFF, UNDER NUMBER
FOUR EIGHT THREE NINE, CONCERN RICHARD BURNAHAM HARRELL, AKA
JIMMY, BORN MARCH SEVEN TWENTYSIX AT PUCKETT, MISSISSIPPI, FIVE
FEET SIX, ONE ONE FIVE POUNDS, IN NINETEEN FIVE FIVE. WRITTEN
NOTATION INDICATES POSSIBLE FBI NUMBER FOR HARRELL IS SEVEN
FIVE ONE ONE NINE FIVE A.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ARREST RECORD
FOR HARRELL AND FURNISH SAME WITH PHOTOS TO RECEIVING OFFICES.

LITTLE ROCK AT LAKE VILLAGE LOCATE PARENTS OF HARRELL AND
OTHER RELATIVES AND INSTITUTE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE HIS
WHEREABOUTS FOR INTERVIEW.

PHOENIX WILL CONTACT ASP, FLORENCE, ARIZONA, FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION ON HARRELL.

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KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK.
FROM PHOENIX (44-371) (9 PAGES)

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DEPUTY SHERIFF RAY STOCK, COCONINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, ADVISED THAT AT TWO TWENTY A.M.
APRIL TWENTY LAST HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM ANONYMOUS MALE
WHO STATED HE HAD DONE STATE TIME WITH RAY AKA GAULT. CALLER
ALSO SAID HE HAD DONE FEDERAL TIME AT TEXARKANA, TEXAS WITH
ONE DAVID WILSON WHO LATER MARRIED FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA GIRL
BY NAME OF HERNANDEZ. CALLER STATED RAY AND WILSON HAD DONE
TIME TOGETHER AND THAT DAY OR TWO PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION OF
KING HE, CALLER, MET WILSON ABOARD PLANE FROM PHOENIX TO
DETROIT, MICHIGAN AT WHICH TIME WILSON HAD TICKET TO NASHVILLE,
TENNESSEE EN ROUTE MEMPHIS. CALLER STATED HE HEARD LATER
THAT RAY WAS IN MEMPHIS THAT TIME BUT CALLER DID NOT KNOW
FOR SURE. CALLER INDICATED DURING CONVERSATION THAT WILSON
WANTED TO GET EVEN WITH RAY FOR SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED IN
PENITENTIARY. CALLER INDICATED THAT WILSON HATES "NIGGERS"

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CALLER INDICATED WILSON WAS IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA AT TIME OF HIS CALL. CALLER AGREED TO PHONE BACK IN THIRTY MINUTES AND TALKED TO FBI AGENT BUT NO CALL RECEIVED.

INVESTIGATION AT FLAGSTAFF DETERMINED DAVID L. WILSON, IS WHITE MALE AMERICAN, BORN WESTBURN, TENNESSEE, NOVEMBER TWO EIGHT THIRTYONE, SIX FEET THREE, ONE NINETY POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, FBI SEVEN TWO NINE TWO FOUR TWO C. WILSON EVADED ATTEMPTS TO BE CONTACTED BY FBI BUT MADE HIMSELF AVAILABLE THROUGH LIEUT. ROBERT JACKSON, FLAGSTAFF POLICE DEPARTMENT, A FRIEND. WILSON INTERVIEWED IN PRESENCE OF LIEUT. JACKSON BY BUAGENT AND EMPHATICALLY DENIED ANY RECENT TRIP TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. HE CLAIMED EMPLOYMENT AT CONTINENTAL BODY SHOP, PHOENIX FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS AND CHECK OF EMPLOYMENT RECORDS VERIFY HIS PRESENCE DURING PERIOD PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION. WILSON STATED HIS WIFE HAS BEEN LIVING WITH HER SISTER AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA FOR PAST WEEK OR SO AND ON FRIDAY APRIL NINETEEN LAST HE RENTED CAR AT PHOENIX TO VISIT WIFE AT FLAGSTAFF.

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PRIOR TO LEAVING PHOENIX HE MET ANOTHER FORMER PRISON MATE, CLARENCE CLARK (PHONETIC) AT MAGOO'S NIGHT CLUB, PHOENIX, AND CLARK ACCOMPANIED WILSON TO FLAGSTAFF. WILSON SAID HE DROPPED CLARK ON CITY STREET IN FLAGSTAFF AND CLARK WAS BOUND FOR DENVER, COLORADO.

WILSON AGREED TO LISTEN TO TAPED PHONE CALL IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY CALLER AND HALF WAY THROUGH CALL WILSON PANICKED AND LEFT THE ROOM REFUSING TO TALK FURTHER. LIEUT. JACKSON DROVE WILSON HOME AND ON RETURN STATED WILSON IN GREAT FEAR BLURTED THAT HE WAS FULLY INFORMED OF ASSASSINATION PLOT WHICH INVOLVED GROUP OF EXCONS ALL KNOWN TO HIM. WILSON STATED THAT VOICE ON TAPE NOT CLARK, BUT THAT OF AN EXCON FROM KANSAS CITY WHOM HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY. WILSON SAID JACKSON WOULD KNOW CALLER'S IDENTITY BY TOMORROW, AS ONE PHONE CALL BY WILSON WOULD RESULT IN DEATH OF SQUEALER TOMORROW. WILSON ALSO TOLD JACKSON THAT RAY NOT ACTUAL KILLER. SAID RAY WAS ORIGINAL TRIGGER MAN BUT BACKED OUT DAY BEFORE AND OTHERS PINNED IT ON HIM IN VIEW OF HIS WANTED STATUS. SAID REAL KILLER STILL IN ATLANTA AND RAY PRESENTLY

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HIDING IN FAJORA (PHONETIC), MEXICO. WILSON LEFT JACKSON'S CAR IN PANIC AND STATED HEADING BACK TO PHOENIX TO MAKE PHONE CALL. WILSON DRIVING SIXTYFOUR YELLOW MERCURY COMET, ARIZONA LICENSE JXE THREE FOUR ZERO.

WILSON INTERVIEWED AT PHOENIX ON APRIL TWENTYONE INSTANT. WILSON STATED HE LAST SAW RAY LAST SUMMER AT LUPTON OR LUFTON, MISSOURI WHERE WILSON WAS ARRESTED FOR DWI AND WAS IN COUNTY JAIL FOR THREE OR FOUR WEEKS UNTIL HE COULD PAY FINE. AT TIME OF ARREST WILSON STATED HE WAS WITH GENE BRISINDINE (PHONETIC) TRUCK DRIVER FOR WILLIS SHAW, ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS. ON RELEASE HE WENT TO BAR ABOUT FOUR BLOCKS FROM COUNTY JAIL TO USE PHONE AND RAN INTO RAY WHO RECOGNIZED WILSON AND WHOM WILSON SAID HE HAD SEEN BEFORE ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT REMEMBER WHERE. RAY ASKED HIM IF HE WEREN'T WILSON AND HE SAID HE WAS AND RAY INDICATED THAT THEY HAD DONE TIME TOGETHER. RAY LOANED HIM FIFTY DOLLARS WHICH HE USED THE FOLLOWING DAY AFTER SPENDING THAT NIGHT IN LOCAL MOTEL FOR BUS TICKET TO FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA. WILSON QUESTIONED WHERE HE HAD SERVED TIME WITH RAY AND HE COULD

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NOT DESIGNATE THE SPECIFIC PLACE ALTHOUGH HE SAID HE KNEW HIM IN A PRISON SOMEPLACE. WILSON WAS SHOWN PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, NUMBER ZERO ZERO FOUR ONE SIX, AND RAY'S CLOSE ASSOCIATE, WALTER T. RIFE, KANSAS CITY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NUMBER TWO NINE SIX THREE SIX, TOGETHER WITH SIX OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS. WILSON INITIALLY PICKED BOTH PHOTOGRAPHS OF RIFE AND RAY AS BEING RAY AND THEN SETTLED ON PHOTO OF RIFE AS THAT OF RAY. HE WAS ALSO SHOWN COMBINATION PHOTO OF RIFE AND RAY TOGETHER AND HE CONTINUED TO IDENTIFY RIFE AS RAY. WILSON DESCRIBED RAY AS BEING FIVE FOOT SIX OR SEVEN AND HE ALSO SAID RAY WAS PROBABLY YOUNGER THAN HIS OWN THIRTYSIX YEARS, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, WITH SCAR SOMEPLACE IN THE FOREHEAD AREA WHICH HE COULD NOT SEE IN PHOTOGRAPH OF RIFE. HE STATED RAY CONTINUALLY CHANGED HIS HAIR STYLE.

AVAILABLE INFO REFLECTS WILSON WAS RECEIVED NOVEMBER TWENTYONE NINETEEN FIFTY ONE AT STATE PENITENTIARY, RAIFORD, FLORIDA FOR ESCAPE FROM COUNTY JAIL AND WAS LATER RECEIVED NOVEMBER SEVEN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL

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INSTITUTE, TEXARKANA, TEXAS FOR MAIL THEFT AND FEDERAL P.V. AND WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THERE TO FCI, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO NINETEEN SIXTY TWO. HIS LAST ARREST WAS AT SPRINGFIELD COLORADO BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON MAY TWO NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS. ABOVE INFORMATION IS NOT COMPLETE RECORD OF WILSON BUT RECORD DOES NOT CORRESPOND AT ANY POINT TO RECORD OF JAMES EARL RAY SO FAR AS KNOWN TO PHOENIX. WILSON DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING KINGS ASSASSINATION OR ANY PLOT BY EXCONVICTS TO ASSASSINATE KING. WILSON ALSO DENIED STATING RAY ORIGINAL TRIGGER MAN AND DENIED STATING THAT THE REAL KILLER WAS STILL IN ATLANTA. WILSON CLAIMS HE DID NOT STATE RAY WAS IN ANY SPECIFIC PLACE IN MEXICO BUT HAD MERELY COMMENTED THAT IF HE WERE RAY HE WOULD BE IN MEXICO.

WILSON QUESTIONED ABOUT IDENTITY OF ANONYMOUS CALLER. HE INDICATED BY ATTITUDE HE HAD IDEA OF CALLER'S IDENTITY BUT STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO REVEAL SAME TO INTERVIEWING AGENTS. INTERROGATION INDICATED CALLER POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO

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CLARENCE CLARK WHO WILSON STATED HE SERVED TIME WITH AT RAIFORD, FLORIDA. WILSON DESCRIBED CLARK AS WMA, IN HIS FORTIES, SMALL THIN BUILD, FIVE FEET ONE OR TWO INCHES, ONE THIRTY FIVE TO ONE FORTY POUNDS, GRAY HAIR.

PHOENIX CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY SUBSTANCE TO INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CALLER AND STATEMENTS MADE BY WILSON TO LIEUT. JACKSON.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION WILL FURNISH ALL RECEIVING OFFICES COMPLETE IDENTIFICATION RECORDS OF JAMES EARL RAY, FBI THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A, AND DAVID L. WILSON, FBI NUMBER SEVEN NINE TWO TWO FOUR TWO C. IDENT DIVISION ALSO REQUESTED TO SEARCH RECORDS ON BASIS OF NAME AND DESCRIPTION HEREIN FOR IDENTIFICATION RECORD ON ONE CLARENCE CLARK WHO WOULD HAVE SERVED PRISON TERM AT RAIFORD, FLORIDA DURING PERIOD OF WILSON'S INCARCERATION THERE AND IF SUCH RECORD FOUND FURNISH SAME TO RECEIVING OFFICES.

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION CONTACT STATE PENITENTIARY, RAIFORD, FLORIDA AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTITY CLARENCE CLARK DESCRIBED ABOVE AND DETERMINE IF HE SERVED TIME WITH WILSON. IF IDENTIFIED, FURNISH IDENT DIVISION WITH

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APPROPRIATE NUMBERS WITH REQUEST THAT ALL RECEIVING OFFICES BE FURNISHED IDENT RECORD. ALSO FURNISH DETAILS OF WILSON'S INCARCERATION AT RAIFORD.

DALLAS DIVISION AT TEXARKANA WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY CLARENCE CLARK (PHONETIC) DESCRIBED ABOVE AS INMATE OF THAT INSTITUTION APPARENTLY DURING NINETEEN SIXTYONE AND SIXTYTWO AND IF IDENTIFIED WILL REQUEST IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FURNISH COMPLETE ARREST RECORD TO RECEIVING OFFICES. DALLAS WILL ALSO SET OUT ANY NECESSARY LEADS TO LOCATE CLARK FOR INTERVIEW.

MEMPHIS ADVISE IF THERE IS ANY INDICATION OF CONSPIRACY OF EXCONS AS MENTIONED BY WILSON TO LIEUT. JACKSON.

KANSAS CITY WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION THROUGH GENERAL AVAILABLE SOURCES IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY CLARENCE CLARK, PHONETIC, WHO IS BELIEVED TO POSSIBLY BE THE ANONYMOUS CALLER SINCE WILSON ALLEGEDLY TOLD LIEUT. JACKSON THE CALLER WAS FROM KANSAS CITY. NO LEAD BEING SET FOR KANSAS CITY RE LUFTON SINCE NOT LISTED IN POSTAL GUIDE. KANSAS CITY SHOULD UPON RECEIPT OF IDENTI RECORD OF WILSON ATTEMPT TO

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VERIFY PLACE WHERE HE STATES HE WAS INCARCERATED DURING SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN FOR DWI AND WHERE HE MET RAY UPON HIS RELEASE.

LITTLE ROCK AT ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS WILL THROUGH WILLIS SHAW LOCATE GENE BRISINDINE AND INTERVIEW BRISINDINE CONCERNING ALLEGED ARREST AND INCARCERATION OF WILSON DURING SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN WITH PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING LOCATION OF THE OCCURRENCE SINCE THERE IS NO LUFTON, MISSOURI IN POSTAL GUIDE.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT TO SALT LAKE CITY AND DENVER IN VIEW OF PROSPECTIVE LEADS.

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM STOPS PLACED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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Re Memphis tel to Jackson, 4/13/68.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On April 15, 1968, [redacted] who is familiar with the racial situation in Grenada, Miss. area, advised that the name JIMMIE GUEMOOR was unknown to him.

The following investigation was conducted in an effort to ascertain the identity and location of JIMMIE GUEMOOR, 750 Pearl Street, Grenada, Miss. The following individuals were contacted concerning GUEMOOR with negative results on 4/15/68:

Grenada Police Commissioner PAUL MC ELROY;
Captain G. H. LOVORN, Grenada, Miss. PD;
ROY KIMBELL, Grenada Credit Bureau, Grenada,
Miss.

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A review of the current City and telephone directories failed to reflect a listing for either 750 Pearl Street or JIMMIE GUEMOOR.

Mrs. GEORGIA B. BOHANNAH, 754 Pearl Street (rear), advised she has lived in the area for approximately twenty years and knows of no one by the name of JIMMIE GUEMOOR. It is noted that there is no address of 750 Pearl Street, Grenada, Miss. Neighborhood inquiry negative regarding GUEMOOR.

Daily efforts were made to contact LEON WILBERT PAUL, SCLC, Field Secretary for the State of Mississippi, who, on 4/23/68, advised that JIMMIE GUEMOOR is not known to him as being active in any civil rights activities in Grenada, nor is he acquainted with anyone by this name in the Grenada, Miss., area. He stated an individual with a similar sounding name is a member of the Evaders at Memphis, Tennessee, and could be located through JAMES PHILLIP, Treasurer, Black Organizing Project, telephone 275-0554, Memphis, Tennessee.

The setting forth of leads in this matter is being left to the discretion of Memphis, the office of origin.

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FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

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RE MOBILE TELEPHONE CALL TO JACKSON.

ROBERT ANDERSON, KREOLE, MISS., TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED MOBILE STATING HE HAD INFORMATION RE KING'S KILLER, BUT WOULD NOT DISCUSS ON TELEPHONE. ANDERSON WAS LOCATED AT KREOLE, MISS., AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REQUESTING HIS IDENTITY BE CONCEALED. ONE BOB BOSSIER (PHONETIC) WHITE MALE, THIRTYFOUR TO THIRTYFIVE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BUCK TEETH, WORKS FOR JOHN WESLEY ANDERSON, FIVE ONE FIVE NORTH SEVENTH STREET, DESOTO, MISSOURI, AS A ROOFER. ACCORDING TO SOURCE BOSSIER MAY BE AN ESCAPEE FROM STATE OF MICHIGAN ON ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE. BOSSIER

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NATIVE OF ST. LOUIS AREA AND HAS DONE TIME AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN ILLINOIS AND IN MISSOURI. HE WAS ALSO IN ATLANTA ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. ACCORDING TO SOURCE BOSSIER IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY, BUT HIS PAST HISTORY AND PLACES OF CONFINEMENT ARE SIMILAR AND SOURCE BELIEVES BOSSIER MAY HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF RAY.

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4:45PM 4-24-68 URGENT SCC
TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND ST. LOUIS
FROM JACKSON (157-9586)
MURKIN

RE MOBILE TELEPHONE CALL TO JACKSON.

ROBERT ANDERSON, KREOLE, MISS., TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACTED MOBILE STATING HE HAD INFORMATION RE KING'S
KILLER, BUT WOULD NOT DISCUSS ON TELEPHONE. ANDERSON
WAS LOCATED AT KREOLE, MISS., AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION REQUESTING HIS IDENTITY BE CONCEALED. ONE
BOB BOSSIER (PHONETIC) WHITE MALE, THIRTYFOUR TO THIRTYFIVE,
FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS,
BROWN HAIR, BUCK TEETH, WORKS FOR JOHN WESLEY ANDERSON,
FIVE ONE FIVE NORTH SEVENTH STREET, DESOTO, MISSOURI, AS
A ROOFER. ACCORDING TO SOURCE BOSSIER MAY BE AN ESCAPEE
FROM STATE OF MICHIGAN ON ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE. BOSSIER
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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed 4/17/68 by SA DAVID P. HURLEY Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 4/11/68 Date(s) of activity 4/9/68
Brief description of activity or material Advised BOB MC COY, Mississippi City, Miss. received letter from BYRON DE LA BECKWITH postmarked Gainesville, Fla. on 4/9/68.		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b)7 - (D)

Remarks:

INFORMATION CONTINUED IN THE ENCLOSED REPORT, IF BEING USED IN A REPORT PREPARED FOR DISSEMINATION, SHOULD BE SUITABLY PARAPHRASED IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS INFORMANT.

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Informant advised that he had learned that ROBERT MC COY, owner of the Oaklawn Motel, Mississippi City, Mississippi, had received a letter from BYRON DE LA BECKWITH. This letter was postmarked at Gainsville, Fla., on April 9, 1968. In the letter BECKWITH indicated that he was aware of the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING but did not indicate that he had any idea who may have done it. According to what the informant learned BECKWITH was in Fla. in connection with his employment with the Barrentine Mfg. Co. of Greenwood, Mississippi and planned to return to the Mississippi Gulf Coast in several weeks.

Informant advised that no information had come to his attention with regard to the murder of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr. and should he receive any information in the future he would immediately notify the FBI.

4/25/68

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re New Orleans teletype to Jackson, 4/22/68, with
airmail copy to Memphis.

Re: MICHAEL WHEAT, look alike.

Miss JOYCE BENNETT, Credit Bureau of Picayune, Miss., advised SA LEON ROSS GRABEN on 4/23/68, that she personally knows MICHAEL WHEAT, whose mother MAUDE WHEAT lives at 120 S. Gray Avenue, Picayune, Miss. She said that WHEAT, whose full name is LEDERE MICHAEL WHEAT went to school with her. She said he bears some resemblance to photographs of JAMES EARL RAY in size and characteristics but she does not think the resemblance is close. He is a life time resident of Picayune. Credit Bureau files reflect that in July, 1967, he had been employed for about four months by the O.D.E. Company, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: Suspect JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE

Re Chicago Teletype, April 20, 1967.

LUCILLE HASSEY, Montgomery, Alabama, reported RAY HILBURN visited her home 4/17/68. His whereabouts are unknown except reportedly planned to seek employment at Continental Gin Company, Prattville, Alabama.

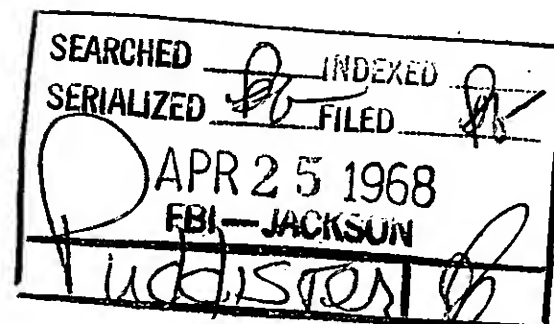
Inquiry at Continental Gin Company revealed HILBURN not employed. He did resign April 17, 1968. Before employment at Prattville, HILBURN employed BILL'S Standard Station 3266 West Devon Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Mobile continuing efforts to locate HILBURN.

Chicago inquire BILL'S Standard Station, Chicago.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

At about 6 p.m. on 4/4/68, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle which was determined to have been

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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as July 20, 1931, his height as 5'11", his weight as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Alabama tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68 and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 a.m. on 4/5/68.

In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES EARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and

recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.

The subject should be considered possible suspect in any unsolved bank robberies, burglaries or armed robberies (possible ITSP violations) occurring after April 23, 1967. RAY should also be considered suspect in any future such violations and Bureau advised telephonically of any tentative identifications.

Any pertinent leads developed during review of past violations should be expeditiously run out and Bureau advised.

Subject's handwriting and hand printing not identified in bank robbery note file and his fingerprints are being searched against latents submitted in unsolved bank robbery and burglary violations.

The Bureau has advised that all leads must be set out by telephone or teletype.

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TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

FM: DIRECTOR F.B.I. 4-23-68

MURKIN

~~BY~~ REMEAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL 19 LAST FURNISHING BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES (POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL 23, 1967. RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATIONS.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED IN BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING SEARCHED AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED ~~XX~~ AND DANGEROUS.

TOR: 1:16 PM CST RB

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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MURKIN
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Re Jackson letter to Memphis dated 4/17/68 enclosing 5 FD 302's (15 copies each) and 2 inserts (15 copies each) (total 105 enclosures); Jackson letter to Memphis dated 4/17/68 enclosing 2 inserts (15 copies each) (total 30 enclosures); Jackson letter to Memphis dated 4/18/68 enclosing 9 inserts (15 copies each) (total 135 enclosures); Jackson letter to Memphis dated 4/18/68 enclosing 6 inserts (15 copies each) (total 90 enclosures); Jackson letter to Memphis dated 4/18/68 enclosing 31 inserts (15 copies each) (total 465 enclosures).

All of the above enclosures are being returned to Jackson Office, which office should in the future submit its own reports.

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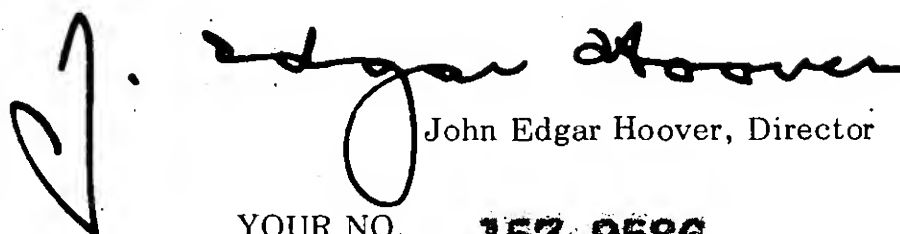
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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Jackson

April 23, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis


John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR NO. 157-9586
FBI FILE NO. 44-38861
LAB. NO. D-561044 JK

Reference Airtel dated April 16, 1968

The material described below has been searched in the following file without effecting an identification: **Anonymous Letter File**

Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

The submitted material is **temporarily retained.**

MATERIAL SUBMITTED:

- Q238** White envelope postmarked "New York, NY, APR 12 1968" bearing typewritten address "POLICE CHIEF OF MERIDIAN, MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI"
- Q239** Accompanying carbon copy of typewritten letter dated "Good Friday, 12-th of April, 1968," beginning "please pass on to all..." and ending on reverse side "C. Amen"

ALSO SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card of C. L. GUNN

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Remarks:

Specimens Q238 and Q239 were prepared with a style of pica type, utilized on both Remington and Underwood typewriters. The typewriting on the submitted evidence is not identical with other typewritten material in this case.

Specimens Q238 and Q239 will be returned with the results of the fingerprint examination. The ALSO SUBMITTED material is retained.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537**

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Cs129438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged

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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape April 23, 1967 (operating motor vehicle without permission of owner; robbery first degree "b/m of a D & DW") (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri information received May 10, 1967.			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p> <p>Alias: James Walton</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS</p>			
	<p>THIS PAGE SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.</p>			

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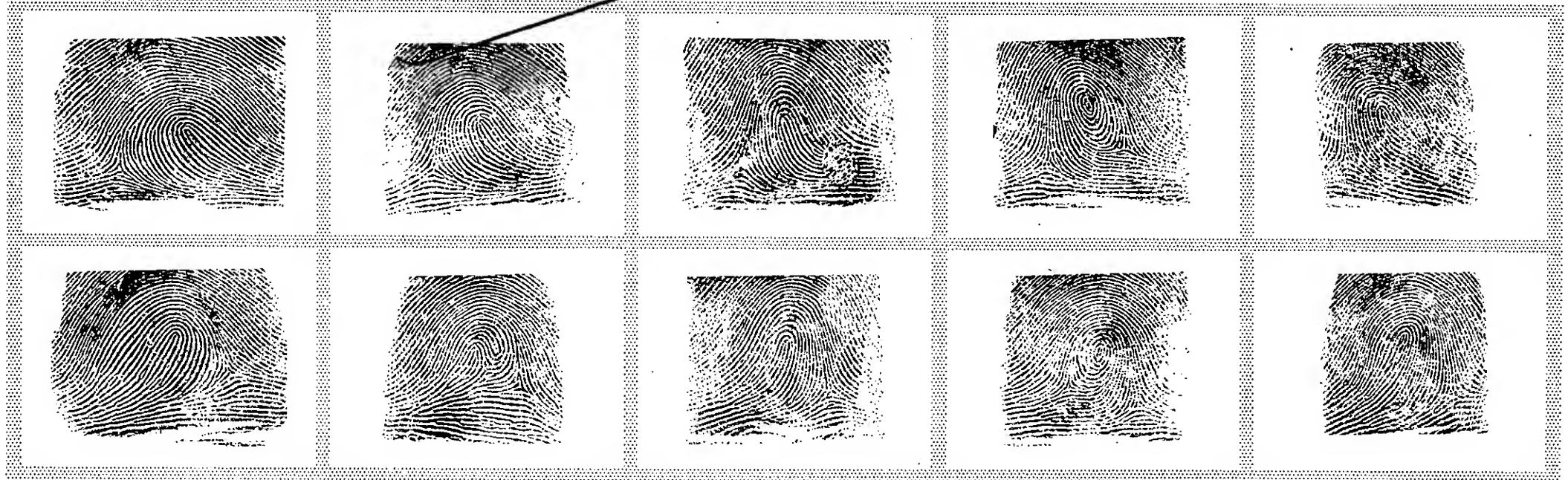
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JAMES EARL RAY

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ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard; "Jim"



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



James Ray

DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5' 10" EYES: blue
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds COMPLEXION: medium
BUILD: medium RACE: white
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short NATIONALITY: American
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer
SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand
REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS A PRISONER. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a constitutional right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with interstate flight to avoid confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

Identification Order 4182
April 20, 1968

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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TO: DIRECTOR, DALLAS

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN.

RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY THREE, LAST,
REGARDING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED][REDACTED] ABILENE,
TEXAS.

DEAVOURS NIX, (BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH FOUR FOUR ONE SIX
AND JACKSON FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH THREE FOUR EIGHT FOUR) IS
IDENTICAL WITH DEVILISH NICK MENTIONED IN RE TEL. NIX IS
PROPRIETOR OF JOHN'S CAFE AND DRIVE-IN RESTAURANT, ONE ONE SIX
TERESA STREET, LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI. HE IS THE FORMER STATE
INVESTIGATOR (KBI) OF THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISS. (WKKKKOM), BUT IS REPORTED TO HAVE RECENTLY RESIGNED
THAT POSITION.

NIX IS PRESENTLY UNDER FEDERAL INDICTMENT ALONG WITH

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FIFTEEN OTHER KLAN MEMBERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRE-BOMB SLAYING OF VERNON FERDINAND DAHMER, SR., NEGRO MALE, NEAR HATTIESBURG, MISS., ON JANUARY TEN, SIXTY SIX. HE HAS ALSO BEEN INDICTED BY STATE COURT, HATTIESBURG, MISS., CHARGED WITH ARSON IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE ACTIVITY. NIX AND FOUR OTHERS ARE UNDER INDICTMENT, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI, CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING, ASSAULT AND BATTERY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPPING AND BEATING OF JACK WATKINS, WHITE MALE, OF PASCAGOULA. NIX AND THE OTHERS ATTEMPTED TO GET A CONFESSION FROM WATKINS STATING THAT HE KIDNAPPED LAWRENCE BYRD, ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS IN THE DAHMER CASE AND BEAT A CONFESSION OUT OF HIM ABOUT THE SUBJECTS IN THE DAHMER CASE.

ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT,

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(PROB), NIGHT MANAGER AND WAITRESS AT JOHN'S CAFE, REPORTED SEEING NIX AROUND FIVE PM, APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, AND SAM

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BOWERS, IMPERIAL WIZARD, WKKKKOM, BETWEEN SEVEN THIRTY AND EIGHT PM SAME NIGHT. SOURCE HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CONTACTS OF VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS WITH NIX AND BOWERS IN JOHN'S CAFE.

SOURCE RECONTACTED THIS AM AND ADVISED TWO WHITE MALES AT JOHN'S RESTAURANT NIGHT OF APRIL THREE, LAST. SOURCE VIEWED VARIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS AND IDENTIFIED ONE INDIVIDUAL AS L. E. MATTHEWS, ^{KNOWN KLANSMAN,} ~~JACKSON FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH FOUR ZERO NINE SIX AND~~ BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH FIVE EIGHT ZERO FOUR, WHO HAS BEEN IN RESTAURANT ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS. SECOND INDIVIDUAL, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, STOCKY BUILD, THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TO FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, WEARING GRAY WORK CLOTHES, NOT KNOWN TO SOURCE. MEETING HELD IN OFFICE OF JOHN'S RESTAURANT BETWEEN MATTHEWS, NIX, SAM BOWERS, AND UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL. SOURCE ADVISED NO PACKAGE BROUGHT IN OR OUT OF CAFE. NO WEAPONS

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OBSERVED. NO WAITRESSES WORKING THAT NIGHT OBSERVED WITH THIS GROUP. SOURCE STATES UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL NOT IDENTICAL WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL ^{RAY}~~LEE~~. SOURCE ADVISED NEGRO COOK NAMED "MYRTIS" PREVIOUS EMPLOYEE BUT NOT WELL KNOWN TO SOURCE. Jackson will attempt to identify unknown individuals with Group.

ON APRIL FOUR, LAST,

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WHO FREQUENTS JOHN'S CAFE REPORTED SEEING NIX AND BOWERS AT JOHN'S CAFE DURING LATE AFTERNOON PRIOR TO THE SLAYING OF KING.

INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO BY THOMAS MC GEE BELIEVED TO BE TRUMAN WEBBER ROGERS, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE WKKKKOM, JONES COUNTY, MISS., AND WHO FREQUENTED JOHN'S RESTAURANT. ROGERS RECENTLY TESTIFIED AT STATE COURT, HATTIESBURG, DURING THE TRIAL OF CECIL SESSUM WHO IS CHARGED WITH MURDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE DAHMER CASE. SESSUM FOUND GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT. CASE ON APPEAL. RESUL

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JACKSON extremely interested in Nix's activities
AND DALLAS ^{IS REQUESTED TO} SHOULD RECONTACT [REDACTED] TO CLARIFY~~DISCREPANCY~~ ^{POINTS} IN RE TEL. [REDACTED] STATED THAT ON DAY AFTER

SHE STARTED TO WORK FOR DEAVOURS NIX, HE HAD SEXUAL RELATIONS

WITH HER. SHE STATED NIX THEN STARTED HER WORKING AT A PLACE

HE HAD OUTSIDE OF TOWN. [REDACTED] THEN STATED ON APRIL TWO,

LAST, SHE OVERHEARD NIX SAY "I GOT A CALL ON THE KING."

CLARIFY SECOND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. ALSO LOCATION AT TIME

SHE HEARD NIX MAKE THIS STATEMENT AND WHO ELSE PRESENT.

IT APPEARS [REDACTED] STATED SHE WAS WORKING OUTSIDE OF TOWN

BUT YET HEARD THE STATEMENT ON APRIL TWO AND FOUR, LAST, AT

JOHN'S CAFE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Type For the information of receiving offices, Subject JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

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All receiving offices are requested to check car recoveries within their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for Subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND JACKSON
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 5P

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

ON APRIL TWENTYTWO, LAST, [REDACTED]

AKA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ABILENE, TEXAS, (WHO REQUESTED
HER IDENTITY BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL), FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMA
TION:

SHE WENT TO WORK ON MARCH THIRTYONE, LAST, FOR AN INDIVIDUAL
KNOWN TO HER AS DEVILISH NICK, OWNER AND OPERATOR OF "JOHN'S
RESTAURANT", LOCATED JUST OFF FIRST STREET, BEFORE THE UNDERPASS
IN LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI, AND WORKED THERE UNTIL APRIL NINE, LAST.

SHE WORKED AS A COOK AND ON THE DAY AFTER SHE STARTED WORK FOR
HIM, DEVILISH NICK HAD SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH HER. HE THEN

STARTED HER WORKING AT A PLACE HE HAD OUTSIDE OF TOWN. ON APRIL
TWO, LAST, SHE OVERHEARD NICK SAY "I GOT A CALL ON THE KING", BUT
DID NOT HEAR ANY MORE OF THE CONVERSATION. ON THE EVENING OF APRIL

THREE, LAST, TWO MEN NEATLY DRESSED, WITH SHORT, STOCKY BUILDS, CAME

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TO NICK'S PLACE WHERE SHE STARTED WORK AT THREE P.M. AND WORKED NIGHTS. WHILE GOING TO THE BATHROOM, SHE OBSERVED A RIFLE WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT, IN A CASE IN NICK'S OFFICE. LATER, THE TWO MEN TOOK THE RIFLE AND A LONG BOX, WHICH TOOK THREE MEN TO CARRY OUT, AND PUT THEM IN A SIXTYFOUR MARRON DODGE WITH A FAKE "CONTINENTAL KIT" ON THE BACK.

ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, WHILE ON DUTY, SHE OVERHEARD NICK RECEIVE A TELEPHONE CALL ON HIS PHONE WHICH IS CLOSE TO THE KITCHEN. AFTER THIS CALL, NICK SAID, "MARTIN LUTHER KING IS DEAD." THIS WAS BEFORE THE NEWS CAME OVER THE RADIO ABOUT THE MURDER.

NICK HAD MEETINGS EVERY NIGHT IN HIS OFFICE, AND SHE WAS TOLD BY THE OTHER EMPLOYEES THAT NICK IS THE HEAD OF THE KLU KLUX KLAN IN THAT AREA. A WHITE MALE, KNOWN TO HER ONLY AS BIG WILL ADAMS' SON, WAS IN ON THE ACTIVITY AT THE RESTAURANT. FROSTENE, (PHONETIC) A LARGE, FAT NEGRO GIRL, WHO WORKS FOR NICK, AND TWO WHITE WAITRESSES WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE TWO MEN WHO TOOK THE GUN, KNEW OF THE ACTIVITIES AT NICK'S.

FROM WHAT SHE OVERHEARD, SHE FEELS THAT NICK HAS SOME PART IN THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, BUT NICK HAS NO DEFINITE PROOF OF ANYTHING. SHE BECAME SO FRIGHTENED SHE TOLD NICK SHE HAD

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A VERY SICK RELATIVE IN ABILENE, TEXAS. SHE LEFT ON APRIL NINE, LAST, AND CAME TO ABILENE, TEXAS, WHERE SHE MET [REDACTED] SHE HAS BEEN GOING WITH MC GEE FOR FOUR YEARS AND HE CAME TO ABILENE SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS TO LOOK FOR WORK. SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AS EVER BEING AT JOHN'S RESTAURANT OR EVER SEEING HIM. ON APRIL TWENTYTWO, LAST, [REDACTED] FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

HE WORKED AT JOHN'S RESTAURANT ABOUT A YEAR AGO FOR A MONTH AS A CARHOP. HE WAS TOLD THE RESTAURANT WAS A MEETING PLACE FOR THE KU KLUX KLAN AND DEVILISH NICK, THE PROPRIETOR OF THE RESTAURANT, WAS THE HEAD OF THE KKK IN THAT AREA. HE ALSO DETERMINED THAT THE WOMEN EMPLOYEES WORKED AS PROSTITUTES FOR NICK DURING OFF HOURS AND THE TWO WHITE WOMEN WHO WORK AS WAITRESSES, ONE BRUNETTE AND ONE BLONDE, LIVE IN THE MOST EXPENSIVE HOTEL IN LAUREL, NAME UNKNOWN.

NICK BEAT UP CERTAIN EMPLOYEES WHILE HE WAS THERE, AND HE,

[REDACTED] DECIDED TO LEAVE. WHEN HE LEARNED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS WORKING FOR NICK, WHO WAS MAKING A PROSTITUTE OUT OF HER, HE HAD HER COME TO ABILENE.

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HE ADMITTED THAT HE IS ON PROBATION OUT OF GULFPORT, MISS., FOR MOONSHINING AND HAS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED INFORMATION TO THE FBI THROUGH A ONE-LEGGED MAN WHO RUNS A BARBER SHOP NEXT DOOR TO KITCHEN'S GROCERY IN SEMINARY, MISS.. THIS MAN COULD VOUCH FOR HIS RELIABILITY.

HE FEELS THAT SHOULD DEVILISH NICK KNOW THAT HE AND [REDACTED] HAVE TALKED TO THE FBI, HE WOULD HAVE THEM LOCATED AND KILLED, AND WOULD TAKE SOME ACTION AGAINST THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI. HE THEREFORE REQUESTED, AS DID [REDACTED] THAT THEIR IDENTITIES BE PROTECTED AND KEPT VERY CONFIDENTIAL. HE INTIMATED THAT IF INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI REFLECTS THAT THE INFORMATION ON DEVILISH NICK IS OF ANY VALUE, HE WOULD BE WILLING TO RETURN TO LAUREL AND OBTAIN INFORMATION FOR THE FBI ON A PAID BASIS.

HE ADVISED THAT HE AND [REDACTED] WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE FBI.

THE FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF DEVILISH NICK AS FURNISHED BY THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS:

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WHITE MALE, ABOUT THIRTYTHREE YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, RED FACED, DRINKS A LOT, MARRIED TO BLONDE WIFE, ABOUT THIRTY THREE YEARS OLD.

THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF [REDACTED] AS OBTAINED THROUGH OBSERVATION:

NEGRO FEMALE, ABOUT TWENTYFIVE YEARS ODS, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, ONE EIGHTFIVE POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, CUT SHORT, BROWN EYES, LIGHT BROWN SKIN, RESIDENCE - ROOMING AT EIGHT SEVEN THREE MESQUITE STREET, ABILENE, TEXAS, TELEPHONE SIX SEVEN SEVEN - SIX FOUR THREE FOUR.

THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF [REDACTED], AS OBTAINED THROUGH OBSERVATION AND INTERVIEW:

NEGRO MALE, THIRTY - FIVE YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE FIFTY POUNDS, BLACK CURLY HAIR, BROWN EYES, LIGHT BROWN COMPLEXION TWO AND ONE - HALF INCH DEEP SCAR, DIAGONALLY ACROSS LEFT CHEEK, AS WOODEN RIGHT LEG.

JACKSON, AT LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF DEVILISH NICK RE ANY COMPLICITY HE, OR PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH HIM, MAY HAVE IN THIS CAE. P

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Date(s) of activity

4/19/68

Brief description of activity or material

Information pertaining to trial of LUCILE YUNT at Laurel, Miss. on or about 4/19/68. Had no information that SAM BOWERS had been in Harrison County recently. Information indicating that some explosives may be moved from Laurel, Miss. to Harrison county in the future.

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Informant advised that the information to the effect that BOB MC COY has some M-16 weapons for sale is completely false and his offer to sell VINCENT PURSER one was in an effort to test PURSER and see if he told anyone else. If so then then VINCENT PURSER could be shown as being unreliable and possibly cause distrust in him among the other klan members.

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ENCLOSED REPORT, IF BEING USED IN A REPORT PREPARED FOR DISSEMINATION, SHOULD BE SUITABLY PARAPHRASED IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS INFORMANT.

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Informant advised that he has received no further information as to the whereabouts of BYRON DE LA WECKWITH but felt sure that if BYRON DE LA WECKWITH returned to the Mississippi Gulf Coast area he would learn of this.

Informant advised he is personally acquainted with SAM HOLLOWAY BOWERS, JR. and has had information concerning trips BOWERS has made to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He has not received any information which would indicate that SAM BOWERS has been on the Mississippi Gulf Coast since 3/25/68. The informant stated that should he learn that SAM BOWERS had left JONE COUNTY, Mississippi, he would notify the FBI.

Informant learned that BOB MC COY, owner of the Oaklawn Motel, Mississippi City, Mississippi, had been in telephone contact with RALPH STRICKLAND of Laurel, Mississippi. At the time MC COY reportedly offered his services in connection with the trial of LUCILE "BUDDY" YUNT which is to take place at Laurel on or about 4/19/68. This trial also involves TRAVIS BUCKLEY and ROY STRICKLAND who are also subjects in this case.

The informant learned from MC COY that ROY STRICKLAND claimed they were not worried about this trial as they had the prosecutor and some members of the jury on their side. MC COY added that in his opinion the klan in Laurel had gotten a list of the prospective members of the jury and had contacted them like the recently did in Jackson County.

Informant stated that he had not been able to develop any information as to the whereabouts of ROY STRICKLAND and did not know if any relatives of his in Laurel knew of his whereabouts or not. Information had previously come to his attention that ROY STRICKLAND would reportedly give himself up prior to the trial so as to clear LUCILE "BUDDY" YUNT who is a relative of him. Informant said that if ROY did not then LUCILE YUNT might have to go to jail and if so RALPH STRICKLAND and other relatives would be mad at ROY STRICKLAND. Where they might condone or even help ROY STRICKLAND to remain a Federal fugitive they would not want LUCILE YUNT to take the blame for something ROY did.

Informant received some information to the effect that possibly some explosives will be moved from Jones County to Harrison Co. in the immediate future. This will reportedly be done by some one in the WKKKKOM but the informant was unable to learn who would do this. Informant was of the opinion that if the explosives were moved to

Harrison County he would be in a position to learn where they would be stored. Informant was instructed to attempt to develop further information regarding this and immediately advised the FBI of anything he learned.

Informant learned that a short time ago VINCENT PURSER of Gulfport, Mississippi had a meeting with BOB MC COY. This meeting took place after the meeting on 3/29/68 at which time MC COY, PURSER, DWIGHT SMITH and BYRON DE LA BECKWITH held a meeting. At the second meeting MC COY reportedly offered to sell VINCENT PURSER an M-16 as he MC COY claimed he had several. MC COY instructed PURSER to tell no one about this. Informant learned that several days later MC COY was talking with CHARLES HALL, who operates a ice cream place on Teagarden Rd. in Mississippi City, and HALL inquired of MC COY information about the weapons he had for sale. MC COY asked HALL how he had learned of the weapons and he said CECIL PRENTICE told him. At this point MC COY told HALL that he had offered to sell VINCENT PURSER a weapon for \$250. but had told PURSER not to mention it to anyone and apparently PURSER had told PRENTICE of the offer and therefore VINCENT PURSER could not be trusted as he is unreliable and he is getting too old. HALL indicated that he agreed with MC COY.

Informant advised that in the past he had seen an AR-15 hanging over the living room door in the residence of BOB MC COY. This weapon has since disappeared and informant inquired of MC COY as to what happened to it. According to MC COY he gave the weapon to DR. JOHN RUSSELL who has his offices at 1202 Broad Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi. He reportedly gave or traded the weapon to Mayor MEADOWS of Gulfport. The last information the informant could develop was that MEADOWS still has the weapon, possibly aboard his boat, and that he and Chief of Police H. L. HOBBS of Gulfport use the weapon for target practice.

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FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN -
(00: Memphis)

Re Jacksonville tel to the Bureau, dated 4/18/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR., at Meridian, Mississippi:

On April 18, 1968, REX ROGERS, Claims Agent, GM & O Railroad, Meridian, Mississippi, advised that EVERETT GAULT is an engineer for that railroad. He stated that GAULT has been so employed for the past twenty years. He advised that GAULT has eleven children and is presently separated from his wife. ROGERS stated that GAULT left Meridian, Mississippi, that date, as engineer on a freight train, and did not expect him to return until early morning, 4/22/68. ROGERS stated that he was not able to furnish the address of where GAULT would remain overnight on April 19-21, 1968.

On April 22, 1968, EVERETT GAULT, Route 1, Meridian, Mississippi, advised that he and his wife are presently separated and that he has a family consisting of eleven children. He stated none of these children have

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the name ERIC STARVO GALT, and pointed out that his last name is spelled GAULT and not GALT. EVERETT GAULT observed photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT and advised that he had never seen this individual, and that this person is definitely not a member of his family or a relation thereof. He stated that he has a brother by the name of CURTIS HOPE GAULT, and his last known address was Pioneer, Louisiana. EVERETT GAULT stated that his brother, CURTIS GAULT, was employed by the Ford Bacon and Davis Construction Company, Monroe, Louisiana. He stated he has not been in contact with his brother for some period of time, and is not sure of his present whereabouts.

He also commented that MALCOLM A. GAULT and EZRA GAULT are both brothers of his. EVERETT GAULT stated he could furnish no information concerning anyone who resembles the person in the photograph identified as ERIC STARVO GALT. EVERETT GAULT advised his brother, CURTIS HOPE GAULT, is not identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

No lead to locate and interview CURTIS HOPE GAULT, Pioneer, Louisiana, is being set out, and this matter is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

APRIL 22, 1968

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Enclosed for Memphis are six FD-302's and one report insert, 15 copies of each, total 105, concerning a survey of motels, Standard Service Stations and investigation re brown paper bags.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/27/68

GROVER KINNY, Stock Manager, Pettis Company, Oxford, Mississippi, was contacted concerning the distribution of a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" written on it, at which time KINNY furnished the following information:

KINNY advised that Pettis Cigar Company buys a Number 20 brown paper bag bearing the name "Homestead Stubby" from the Graham Paper Company in Memphis.

KINNY advised that distribution to stores in the extreme northern part of Mississippi is handled by Senatobia Tobacco Company, in Senatobia, Mississippi, which is a branch of Pettis Cigar Company, and that specific information concerning the sale of this bag would have to be obtained from Senatobia Tobacco.

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by SA WILLIAM P. LAWLER, JR. /jdh Date dictated 4/19/68

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Date 4/22/68

Mr. V. P. WAIT, Manager, Senatobia Tobacco Company, was interviewed concerning the distribution of a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" written on it, at which time WAIT furnished the following information:

WAIT advised that Senatobia Tobacco Company is a branch of Pettis Cigar Company and that they (Senatobia Tobacco) do handle a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" on it.

WAIT advised that the Southaven Minnow Shop, located on Route 51, adjacent to the Mississippi - Tennessee State Line, is the only store that is presently purchasing this bag. WAIT stated that the Southaven Minnow Shop has presently been purchasing about 250 of these bags every two weeks.

WAIT further advised that the Southaven Minnow Shop is the only store that is presently buying that particular bag in that area. WAIT stated that the "Market Place", located on Route 51, across from the Southaven Minnow Shop, had purchased this particular bag around Christmas of 1967, but this had only been a one time order.

WAIT advised that the closest store to the Southaven Minnow Shop that is presently using this particular bag is Treadways Grocery, which is in Cockrum, Mississippi, in the southern part of DeSoto County.

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LEW HOUSTON, Manager of Service Beverage, a Schlitz Beer Distributor, Clarksdale, Mississippi, advised that all their beer is brewed and sent to them from their Schlitz Brewery in Longview, Texas.

HOUSTON said that GUS THOMPSON is their truck salesman to the Southaven, Mississippi, area and does deliver Schlitz Beer to the Southaven Minnow Shop in Southaven, Mississippi.

HOUSTON said on March 15, 1968, his company received 2100 cases of the twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz Beer from their Longview, Texas, brewery and all of that beer has been distributed.

HOUSTON said that on March 20, 1968, his company was shipped 924 cases of that beer from Longview, Texas, and that he has 35 cases of that particular beer left, which was brewed at Longview on March 15, 1968, which date is recorded on the cans. HOUSTON said that this particular shipment was sent on March 15, 1968, from Longview to him.

HOUSTON said that therefore all Schlitz beer brewed at Longview, Texas, on March 15, 1968, was received by him on March 20, 1968, and that of the 924 cases received, he has 35 cases remaining. HOUSTON said that from his records, the Southaven Minnow Shop on March 21, 1968, received four cases of the twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz Beer; on March 28, 1968, five cases; and on March 30, 1968, twelve cases. HOUSTON said that that beer received at the Southaven Minnow Shop would have been a portion of the beer brewed in Longview, Texas, on March 15, 1968, and received by him in Clarksdale on March 20, 1968.

On 4/17/68 at Clarksdale, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586
by SA JAMES W. SAMMON/bls Date dictated 4/19/68

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Located at the Southaven Minnow Shop, Highway 51, just south of the Tennessee State Line in Mississippi, were numerous six packs of Schlitz twelve-ounce beer in the pop-top can, held together in the six pack with a plastic ring, which beer was brewed by the date March 15, 1968. A can of this beer was obtained.

Also located in that minnow shop was a brown paper bag stamped "Homestead. Stubby. 20". One of the brown paper bags was obtained.

BILL and JANE MC LAUGHLIN and their son WILLIE MC LAUGHLIN, the proprietors of that minnow shop, were all interviewed in this matter, and composite photographs of GALT exhibited to them with negative results. Neither they nor LAWRENCE PARKER, a frequent customer to the minnow shop, could identify GALT by photograph, nor did they recall an individual driving a white Mustang with an Alabama license purchasing a sixpack of twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer from their minnow shop.

Mr. MC LAUGHLIN advised that GUS (last name unknown), a salesman for the Service Beverage Company of Clarksdale, Mississippi, delivers their beer to them, and that from his records, on April 1, 1968, he purchased 17 cases of twelve-ounce Schlitz pop-top beer; on April 10, eight cases; on April 11, six cases; and on April 15, 1968, two cases.

It was noted that the Southaven Minnow Shop is one-half mile south on Highway 51 from the Tennessee State Line in Mississippi and exactly three miles south of the Oliver Rexall Drug Store on Highway 51, Whitehaven, Memphis, Tennessee.

On 4/15/68 at Southaven, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JAMES W. SAMMON/bls Date dictated 4/19/68

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DONALD DICKSON was located in Stray Horn, Mississippi, at the sight of the construction of a Water Tower. DICKSON said that he has been in the Senatobia, Mississippi, area for the past three weeks and that he is employed for R. D. Cole Manufacturing Company of Newman, Georgia, which company constructs water towers. DICKSON said he has been so employed for the past nine years and is a foreman of that company.

DICKSON said that on April 4, 1968, he was in bed asleep at the Thrift Courts Motel in Senatobia, Mississippi, when one of his employees came into the room advising him that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot and killed in Memphis, Tennessee. DICKSON said that an employee, TOM CANNON, and DOUG IVEY can vouch for his presence at the motel when KING was assassinated. DICKSON said that his 1967 white Mustang automobile was parked at the motel at that time.

DICKSON said that he is not responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, nor can he furnish any information in that regard.

The following is a description of DICKSON obtained through observation and interview:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	29
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Fayetteville, Georgia
Residence:	Route 1, Fayetteville, Georgia
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	160
Eyes:	Brown

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On 4/10/68 at Stray Horn, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

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Hair:	Light brown, short, curly, and parted
Complexion:	Ruddy
Build:	Slender
Education:	10th grade
Marital Status:	Single
Military Service:	U.S. Army, 53348507 from 1961 to 1963 - honorable
Employment:	Foreman for R.D. Cole Manufacturing Company, Newnan, Georgia, for past nine years
Automobile:	1967 white Mustang, 1968 Georgia license 112-D-484
Previous Arrests:	No admits

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/22/68

DONALD SEWELL, employee, 7-11 Store, Number 34, 6099 Millbranch, Southaven, Mississippi, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the investigation, furnished the following information:

He stated that the 7-11 Store purchases its beer from the Service Beverage Company at Clarksdale, Mississippi.

He stated that the Schlitz delivery man appears at that store every Wednesday.

He advised after examining his stock of Schlitz 12 ounce pop top cans that he had two six packs in his refrigerator with the date March 15, 1968. He stated that this 7-11 Store uses Toreador paper sacks. He advised they do not utilize a number or size 20 paper sack.

He was displayed artist's conception drawings from Birmingham and Memphis, Tennessee.

SEWELL recalled that in the latter part of March, 1968, a white male approximately 5'9" to 5'10" in height, age 27 to 28 years of age, small frame, with a dark crew hair cut, wearing a gray suit with black pin stripes, glasses with black rims, purchased beer at that store.

SEWELL stated that he could not recall what brand of beer this individual bought or how he paid for it.

SEWELL stated that he recalled this incident as the authorities in Memphis, Tennessee, had put a curfew on beer and liquor sales and that at the same time this individual was in the checkout line, a highway patrolman came to the store and told him to cut off beer sales.

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by SA KENNETH P. HUGHES/pac Date dictated 4/19/68

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According to SEWELL, the patrolman advised him that the individuals in line could make their purchases but no other individuals would be allowed to purchase beer. SEWELL estimated the time at 3:30 p.m.

He stated that he recalled this incident as after this white male purchased the beer, he, SEWELL, had to request him to leave the store as he was "cursing" due to the fact that the beer sales had been cut off.

SEWELL stated that he had to tell this individual to leave the store.

SEWELL again stated that he believes this incident took place during the latter part of March, 1968, when the City of Memphis first experienced racial problems.

SEWELL stated that he had never seen this individual before and has not seen him since. He stated he did not see which way he turned when he left the store nor did he observe an automobile.

He stated that this individual vaguely resembled the artist's conception drawing from Birmingham.

SEWELL stated that he doubted he could recognize this individual if he saw him again.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES W. SAMMON:

On the dates indicated, motels and Standard Service Stations on the below listed major highways in north central and northeastern portion of the State of Mississippi were contacted in this matter. Personnel at motels were exhibited composite drawings of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as John Willard, Harvey Lowmeyer, received from the Memphis and Birmingham Divisions, along with a color photograph of a bedspread and bath towel received from the Memphis Division. Personnel at these motels failed to identify the composite photographs of GALT, as well as the bedspread or towel as property of their particular motel. The guest registration cards of motels contacted were personally checked by SA JAMES W. SAMMON from the period of March 29 to April 5, 1968, inclusive in an effort to determine if any guest using the name GALT, WILLARD, or LOWMEYER registered at that motel. These checks met with negative results.

Standard Service Stations on the indicated highways were also contacted and personnel at those service stations were also exhibited artist's conceptions of GALT, along with the colored photographs of the Standard Oil map of the United States and the Standard Oil map of Georgia - Alabama. Personnel at these service stations were questioned regarding a 1966 white Mustang with an Alabama tag. Contacts at these service stations also met with negative results.

April 10, 1968 - Highway 55 Interstate and Highway 51, north from Batesville, Mississippi, to the Tennessee State Line. Highway 78 southeast from the Tennessee State Line to the City Limits of Holly Springs, Mississippi.

April 11, 1968 - Highways 78, 6, and 45 within the City Limits of Tupelo, Mississippi. Highway 45 north from Tupelo, Mississippi, to Corinth, Mississippi. Highways 45

and 72 within the City Limits of Corinth, Mississippi.

April 12, 1968 - Highway 78 East from Tupelo, Mississippi, to the Alabama State Line. Highway 45 South from Tupelo, Mississippi, to Columbus, Mississippi. Highway 82 East from Mayhew, Mississippi, to the Alabama State Line. Highways 82 and 45 East within the City Limits of Columbus, Mississippi.

April 13, 1968 - Highway 82 West from Columbus, Mississippi, to Winona, Mississippi. Highway 51 North from Winona, Mississippi, to Grenada, Mississippi. Interstate 55 and Highway 51 North from Grenada, Mississippi, to Batesville, Mississippi.

April 16, 1968 - Highway 72 from the Alabama State Line to the Tennessee State Line. Highway 78 Southeast from Holly Springs, Mississippi, to Tupelo, Mississippi.

April 17, 1968, Highway 45 East from Shannon, Mississippi, to Columbus, Mississippi. Highway 278 East from Highway 45 East from New Wren, Mississippi, to the Alabama State Line. Highway 6 West from Tupelo, Mississippi, to Batesville, Mississippi. The notes from contacts with personnel at motels and Standard Oil Service Stations are being maintained in the Jackson file regarding this matter.

The following motels affiliated with Friendship Inns were contacted on the indicated dates and personnel there were interviewed as set forth above and in addition, the color photograph containing the Friendship Inn Cashmere Bouquet soap wrapper was exhibited with negative results.

MARY MILTON, Registration Clerk, Townhouse Motel, Friendship Inn, Highway 45 South, Tupelo, Mississippi, which motel uses Camay soap with Friendship Inn wrapper, on April 11, 1968.

Mrs. BROOKS PHILLIPS, Southern Motel, Friendship Inn, Corinth, Mississippi, which motel does handle Cashmere Bouquet with Friendship Motel wrapper, on April 11, 1968.

However, Southern Motel was negative on photographs of GALT; negative on bedspread; and negative on bath towel.

Mrs. ANNIE LOUISE HUDSON, Marshall Motel, Friendship Inn, Highway 45 North, West Point, Mississippi, contacted April 12, 1968.

WILLIAM DOVES, Registration Clerk, Columbus Motel, Friendship Inn, Highway 82 East, Columbus, Mississippi, does not use soap wrapped with Friendship paper, contacted April 12, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES W. SAMMON on April 15, 1968, in the Southaven, Mississippi, area, Highway 51, south of the Tennessee State Line in Mississippi.

The following dealer outlets in that area were contacted in an effort to determine if they had any twelve-ounce Schlitz pop-top beer cans with the brewery date of March 15, 1968, which was sold by them in six packs held with a plastic ring. The following beer outlets in that area were contacted on April 15, 1968, with negative results:

SHIRLEY JERET, Stop and Go Store, Highway 51 South.
MARY SNELL, Cashier, BILL RAGLAND, Manager, and LESTER ENOCHS, Stock Man, A and P Supermarket, Highway 51 South, Southaven, Mississippi.

BILL BEALE, Seven Eleven Store, Highway 51 South, Southaven, Mississippi.

MARY DRUMMOND, Drummond Drive-Inn, Highway 51 South, Southaven, Mississippi.

The composite photographs of GALT from Memphis and Birmingham were also exhibited to the above individuals at beer outlets in Southaven, Mississippi, with negative results.

In contacting motels on Highway 51 North on April 10, 1968, RAYMOND ROBINSON, owner of the Thrift Courts Motel

at Senatobia, Mississippi, advised that for the past three or four weeks, a white male, name unknown, 25 to 30 years old, had been staying at that motel. ROBINSON said that this individual is employed in Stray Horn, Mississippi, on Highway 4 where he is employed constructing a water tower. ROBINSON said that this individual drives a white Mustang with an Alabama license.

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

APRIL 22, 1968

SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

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Enclosed for Memphis are eight report inserts, fifteen copies of each, total 120 enclosures, concerning, for the most part, record checks with agencies in the State of Miss., under the names GALT, LOWMEYER and WILLARD.

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LARGE TOWING COMPANIES, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI

The following investigation was conducted at Pascagoula, Mississippi, on April 15, 1968:

Mr. J. F. WALKER, F. B. Walker and Sons, advised that his company has not employed anyone named GALT either in his shipyard or as a towboat operator or employee.

MIKE FLECHAS and HAROLD CHRISTIANSEN, F. and F. Towing Company, Pascagoula, Mississippi, advised that the F. and F. Towing Company has not employed anyone named GALT within their memory. They both stated that most deck hands who they employ are drifters and most are of a rough appearance. They said they do not recall having employed anyone in the past year who could be described as similar to the description of the unknown subject furnished to them.

Mrs. E. DAGETT, Colle Towing Company, Incorporated, Pascagoula, Mississippi, advised that this company has employed no one within her memory named GALT and that she has no record of any employee under this name. She was unable to recall having employed anyone who fit the general description of the unknown subject as it was furnished to her.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA EDGAR C. FORTENBERRY:

AT HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI, FORREST COUNTY

On April 16, 1968, the following persons checked the files of their offices without locating any record for ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD;

~~FRANK V. BLAKELY, Manager, City Water Department,
for City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi;~~

~~JAMES F. GARRAWAY, Division Auditor, Mississippi
Power Company;~~

~~Mrs. JOHNNY BROWN, Clerk, Wilmut Gas and Oil
Company.~~

AT PETAL, MISSISSIPPI, FORREST COUNTY

Mr. C. G. HIGGASON, Clerk, United Gas Company,
(it is to be noted that this office covers both Petal
and Hattiesburg, Mississippi);

Mrs. DORIS T. PETERSON, Clerk, Dixie Electric
Power Association.

AT RICHTON, MISSISSIPPI

Mrs. MARGIE PHILLIPS, City Clerk, Town of
Richton, Mississippi, checked records of Town water
works, Town Marshal's Office, and tax records.

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Mr. CHARLES BUSH, Manager, Mississippi Power Company;

O. B. BOURN, Vice President, Richton Bank and Trust Company;

On April 16, 1968, a check was made of the Telephone directory for the town of Richton, Mississippi, without locating any record of ERIC STAVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY HOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD.

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The following investigation was conducted at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on April 16, 1968, by SA J. L. MARTIN.

The following persons, who are employees of the indicated banking institution, were contacted and they advised that the records reflect no account under the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD:

Mrs. J. C. TOMPKINS, Bankers Trust Savings and Loan Association, 312 Central Avenue, Petal, Mississippi;

ALFRED MOORE, First Federal Savings and Loan Association;

Miss PAT WIGGINS, First Guaranty Savings and Loan Association;

JOHN TONEY, Hattiesburg Federal Savings and Loan Association;

CLARENCE TOLAR, Pine Belt Savings and Loan Association.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM P. LAWLER, JR., on April 12, 1968:

AUBREY HOWE, Chief of Police, Batesville, Mississippi, advised that he could not recall having any business with an ERIC GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMEYER.

BETTY GREENLEE, Clerk, Tallahatchie Electric Power Association, Batesville, Mississippi, advised that a review of their records contained reference to no one identifiable with ERIC GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD. GREENLEE stated that their service covers Panola, Yalobusha, and Tate Counties.

JOHN GEE, Deputy Sheriff, Panola County, First District; and GEORGE HOLLEY, Deputy Sheriff, Panola County, Second District, both advised that the names JOHN WILLARD, ERIC GALT, and HARVEY LOWMEYER were unfamiliar to them.

IKE SHANKLE, Circuit Clerk, Panola County, Second District, made available the voter registration and marriage records for this district of Panola County. A review of these records failed to disclose any individual identifiable with GALT, WILLARD, or LOWMEYER.

LOUISE JOHNSON, Clerk, Chancery Clerk's Office, Panola County, Second District, made available divorce records of the Second District of Panola County. A review of these records failed to reflect any information identifiable with GALT, LOWMEYER, WILLARD.

EVELYN PATTON, Circuit Clerk's Office, First District of Panola County, made available the voter registration and marriage records for the First District of Panola County. A review of these records failed to

reflect any information identifiable with GALT, LOWMEYER, or WILLARD.

ROSA LADD, Chancery Clerk, First District of Panola County, made available the divorce records for the First District of Panola County. A review of these records failed to reflect any information identifiable with ERIC GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD.

Mrs. C. C. JENNINGS, Clerk, Local Board 59, Sardis, Mississippi, advised that a review of her records failed to reflect any information identifiable with GALT, LOWMEYER, or WILLARD. Mrs. JENNINGS advised that her records include the northern half of First District of Panola County.

ROGER L. WOODS, Circuit Clerk, Marshall County, Mississippi, made available the voter registration and marriage records for Marshall County. A review of these records revealed no information identifiable with ERIC GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMEYER.

JESSIE M. ASH., Chancery Clerk, Marshall County, made available the divorce records for Marshall County. A review of these records reflected no information identifiable with GALT, WILLARD, LOWMEYER.

MYRA PRYOR, Southern Bell Telephone Company, Holly Springs, Mississippi, was contacted in an effort to determine if ERIC GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD had ever been serviced by Southern Bell Telephone in Potts Camp, Ashland, or Holly Springs, Mississippi areas. PRYOR advised that no one using any of the three aforementioned names had ever left Southern Bell Telephone in that area owing them money. PRYOR stated that the only way to determine if any of these individuals had ever had a telephone in that area would be if the number was known.

The following investigation was conducted on April 15, 1968:

JOYCE PRUITT, Circuit Clerk's Office, Tate County, made available voter registration and marriage records for Tate County. A review of the voter registration records revealed no one identifiable with GALT and a review of the marriage records revealed no information identifiable with GALT, LOWMEYER, or WILLARD.

BILL L. MC CLURE, Chancery Clerk, Tate County, made available divorce records for Tate County. A review of these revealed no information identifiable with GALT, LOWMEYER, or WILLARD.

RICHARD DAVIS, Clerk, DeSoto County, made available the voter registration and marriage records for DeSoto County. A review of these record revealed no information identifiable with GALT, LOWMEYER, or WILLARD.

SAM FERGUSON, Circuit Clerk, DeSoto County, made available the divorce records for DeSoto County. A review of these records revealed no information identifiable with ERIC GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD.

SHIRLEY MULLINS, Clerk, Local Board 18, Hernando, Mississippi, advised a review of her records revealed no information identifiable with GALT, LOWMEYER, or WILLARD.

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On the dates indicated, the following individuals advised SA BURTEN R. DEZARN that there respective agencies had no record or file identifiable with JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, or ERIC STARVO GALT:

Captain HARRY M. MERRITT
Identification and Training Officer
Yazoo City Police Department
Yazoo City, Mississippi
April 11, 1968

Deputy Sheriff
CHARLES KNOTT
Yazoo County Sheriff's Office
Yazoo City, Mississippi
April 11, 1968

Sheriff J. A. DARNELL
Issaquena County Sheriff's Office
Mayersville, Mississippi
April 16, 1968

Office Deputy J. A. WARNOCK
Sharkey County Sheriff's Office
Rolling Fork, Mississippi
April 16, 1968

Mrs. LUCY E. FISHER
Clerk, Yazoo County Circuit Court
Yazoo City, Mississippi
April 11, 1968

Mrs. MARY VANDEVENDER
Clerk, Issaquena County Circuit Court
Mayersville, Mississippi
April 16, 1968

DON H. COLLINS, Clerk
Sharkey County Circuit Court
Rolling Fork, Mississippi
April 16, 1968

Miss MONZELLE WOOTEN, Clerk
Selective Service Local Board 81
Vicksburg, Mississippi
April 12, 1968

Mrs. JUANITA STRICKLAND, Clerk
Selective Service Local Board 88
Yazoo City, Mississippi
April 15, 1968

E. M. MOORE, Clerk
Selective Service Local Board 68
Rolling Fork, Mississippi
April 16, 1968

Mrs. LOUISE HOLLY
Credit Bureau of Yazoo City
Yazoo City, Mississippi
April 11, 1968

Mrs. BESSIE THORNTON
Office Manager
Vicksburg Water and Gas Administration
Vicksburg, Mississippi
April 12, 1968

Miss CECELIA TUCKER
Office Manager
Mississippi Power and Light Company
1205 Monroe Street
Vicksburg, Mississippi
April 12, 1968

Mrs. JODIE M. MELTON
Bookkeeper
Mississippi Valley Gas
941 Calhoun Street
Yazoo City, Mississippi
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J. W. WEAVER
Office Manager
Yazoo Valley Electric Power Association
1408 Grand Avenue
Yazoo City, Mississippi
April 15, 1968

FRANK TINDALL
Office Manager
Public Service Commission
125 Commercial Street
Yazoo City, Mississippi
April 15, 1968

Mrs. MARGARET BROWN
Cashier
Twin County Electric Power Association
Rolling Fork, Mississippi
April 16, 1968

~~CARROLL L. QUINN~~
Accountant
Yazoo Motel
Highway 49 East
Yazoo City, Mississippi
April 11, 1968

The following investigation was conducted by
SA RALPH D. GARDNER:

AT KOSCIUSKO, MISSISSIPPI

On April 10, 1968, Mrs. HAZEL GANT, Manager, Credit Bureau of Kosciusko, advised that a review of all of her trade records for HARVEY LOWMEYER, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, JOHN WILLARD, and ERIC STARVO GALT was negative.

On April 10, 1968, a review of the 1965 thru 1967 Poll's Kosciusko, Mississippi City Directories for HARVEY LOWMEYER, JOHN WILLARD, and ERIC STARVO GALT was negative.

On April 10, 1968, a review of Attala County Motor Vehicle Registration records for HARVEY LOWMEYER, JOHN WILLARD, and ERIC STARVO GALT was negative.

On April 10, 1968, Attala County Sheriff W. B. MONTAGNE advised that his arrest records do not contain names of HARVEY LOWMEYER, JOHN WILLARD, or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 10, 1968, HERBERT HARVEY, Chief of Police, advised that a review of his arrest docket failed to reflect a listing for HARVEY LOWMEYER, JOHN WILLARD, or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 10, 1968, J. L. CLARK, President, Attala National Bank, advised that a review of his active and inactive savings and checking accounts, as well as closed and open loans, failed to produce name of HARVEY LOWMEYER, JOHN WILLARD, or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 10, 1968, R. A. LOCKE, Vocational Counselor, Mississippi State Employment Service, advised that a review of the active, inactive, Manpower Development and Training

Act school records, was negative for HARVEY LOWMEYER, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, JOHN WILLARD, and ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 10, 1968, Mrs. SPENCER WALKER, Clerk, Campbell's Motel, Highway 12, advised a review of their guest registration records for the last 30 days was negative for HARVEY LOWMEYER, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, JOHN WILLARD, and ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 10, 1968, GRANVILLE MYRICH, Cashier, M and F Bank of Kosciusko, advised a review of his savings and checking accounts, as well as outstanding loans, was negative for HARVEY LOWMEYER, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, JOHN WILLARD, or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 10, 1968, HILLIARD JORDAN, Postmaster, U.S. Post Office, advised a review of his general delivery and change of address notices for September, 1967, through April 1968, was negative for HARVEY LOWMEYER, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, JOHN WILLARD, or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 10, 1968, telephone directories for Kosciusko, Ethel and McCoöl, Mississippi, for August, 1967, were negative for HARVEY LOWMEYER, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, JOHN WILLARD, and ERIC STARVO GALT.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA PETER J. RYAN:

On April 18, 1968, CARRA HUGHEY, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Mississippi State Board of Health, Jackson, advised that she could locate no record of a birth certificate for the names ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or HARVEY LOWMYER, or any variations of these names, for all males born on July 20, 1931, in the State of Mississippi.

Mrs. HUGHEY also advised she checked the birth certificates for all males born on July 20, 1931, in Mississippi whose mother's maiden name was GALT, WILLARD, LOWMEYER, LOWMYER, or any variation of these names with negative results.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA EDGAR C. FORTENBERRY:

AT LEAKESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

On April 15, 1968, a check was made of the telephone directory for the town of Leakesville without locating any listing for ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD.

AT NEW AUGUSTA, MISSISSIPPI

On April 15, 1968, a check was made of the telephone directory for the town of New Augusta, Mississippi, without locating any listing for ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD.

AT BEAUMONT, MISSISSIPPI

On April 15, 1968, a check was made of the telephone directory for the town of Beaumont, Mississippi, without locating any listing for ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD.

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

APRIL 22, 1968

SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

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Enclosed for Memphis are four report inserts,
15 copies of each, total 60 enclosures, concerning
investigation in Mississippi related to dance studios and
1966 white mustang.

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1966 WHITE MUSTANG

The following investigation was conducted by
SA FRANCIS G. HONAN:

EUGENE SPENCER, Sheriff, Itawamba County, Fulton, Mississippi, advised on April 11, 1968, that there are no private or public airports in Itawamba County, Mississippi.

BOBBY GREENE, Manager, Belmont Airport, Belmont, Mississippi, advised on April 11, 1968, that he has not noticed a 1966 white Mustang, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993, at his airport since April 4, 1968.

A physical observation was made of the airport and no 1966 white Mustang could be located.

A physical observation was made of the Iuka, Mississippi, airport, on April 11, 1968, and no 1966 white Mustang was noted at the airport. It should be noted that the Iuka, Mississippi, airport has no permanent buildings, and consists of just one runway.

Sheriff JAMES BISHOP, Tishomingo County, Iuka, Mississippi, advised on April 11, 1968, that he periodically passes the airport, and has not seen a 1966 white Mustang at the airport.

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DANCING STUDIOS

On April 18, 1968, DOROTHY SHATTLEMORE, 1800 West Beach, Biloxi, Mississippi, advised that she is the operator of the Arthur Murray Dance Studios at Biloxi and at Pascagoula, Mississippi. She said that she has viewed a picture of ERIC STARVO GALT which appeared in the local newspaper and that this photograph does not resemble anyone who has worked at either of these studios in the past eight years which is the period during which she has operated them.

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The following investigation was conducted at Vicksburg, Mississippi on April 15, 1968, by SA JACK G. WILSON:

Each of the individuals noted below advised her dancing school is for children only. No adults are accepted:

~~ELEANOR BEAUFIT, Eleanor Beaufait School of Dance, 1710 Monroe;~~

~~WILLI HOFFMANN, Willi Hoffman's School of Dance, 918 Farmer Street;~~

~~AMANDA A. SWETT, Amanda A. Swett School of Dance, 1020 $\frac{1}{2}$ Jackson Street.~~

No other dancing schools are listed in the telephone directories of Port Gibson, Vicksburg, Rolling Fork, or Yazoo City, Mississippi.

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DANCE STUDIOS

The following investigation was conducted
by SA DANIEL J. CONNELL on April 15, 1968:

DOT BARRETT, Owner, Jackson Studio of Dance and Baton, Cook Center, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that her school is only for young children and that she has never had adult students. BARRETT added that to the best of her knowledge there is no ballroom type dance schools in Jackson which would have adult students. She did not recognize the names JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER or ERIC GALT.

GLADYS VELSOR, Owner, Studio of the Dance, 663 North Jefferson Street, Jackson, advised that she only has young children as students and that she has never taught dancing to adults. She did not recognize the names JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER or ERIC GALT.

JEAN SHANBURGER, Jean's Dance Studio, 4159 Northview Drive, Jackson, advised that her studio is only for school-age children and that she has never had adult students. SHANBURGER added that to the best of her knowledge there are no adult dance studios in Jackson. She did not recognize the names JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER or ERIC GALT.

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SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis are two FD-302's, 15 copies of each, total 30 enclosures, concerning interview of HENRY BOYETTE of Tupelo, Mississippi, and WILLIAM E. REYNOLDS of Burnsville, Miss., both of whom were in Memphis, Tenn., on 4/4/68. Both interviews appear to be purely negative.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 19, 1968

WILLIAM E. REYNOLDS, Route One, Burnsville, Mississippi, after being advised of the nature of the inquiry and the identity of the interviewing Agent, advised that on April 4, 1968, he visited Memphis, Tennessee, and stayed at the Linden Lodge Motel in Room 206 and checked out of the motel on April 5, 1968. Mr. REYNOLDS recalled that when he checked into the motel, he listed his license number as Mississippi N1126 inadvertently and stated that his correct license number is F/6 N1128. He described his vehicle as a 1965 black Ford pickup.

Mr. REYNOLDS stated that his reason for being in Memphis, Tennessee, was for an appointment he had at the Kennedy Veterans Administration Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. He stated he is drawing 100 percent disability social security benefits plus 40 percent Veterans Administration benefits.

Concerning his whereabouts on April 4, 1968, he stated that at approximately 6:00 p.m., he was in his room watching television. Mr. REYNOLDS denied any knowledge of the individual(s) responsible for the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and stated that he did not know anything about the shooting until he saw it on television at approximately 6:00 p.m.

The following description of REYNOLDS was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	WILLIAM E. REYNOLDS
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5 feet 11½ inches
Weight	185 pounds

On 4/12/68 at Burnsville, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA FRANCIS G. HONAN /blw Date dictated 4/16/68

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Hair	Brown (brush cut)
Eyes	Blue
Date of Birth	November 8, 1923
Place of Birth	Springfield, Missouri
Residence	Route One Burnsville, Mississippi
Military Service	U. S. Marine Corps, Serial No. 326577
Father-in-law	ERNEST F. SMITH Route One Burnsville, Mississippi
Automobiles	1965 black Ford pickup truck; 1968 Mississippi License F/6 N1128.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/15/68

HENRY BOYETTE, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview, was interrogated at 819 Harrison Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

Mr. BOYETTE advised that he normally just uses the name HENRY BOYETTE but his full name is HENRY JUNIOR BOYETTE and he currently resides at 1003 Van Buren Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

Mr. BOYETTE advised that he is District Sales Manager in Tupelo, Mississippi, for the American and Efird Thread Mills, Incorporated, 819 Harrison Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, with their home office in Mount Holly, North Carolina. He stated that on April 3, 1968, he left his home with his wife and drove to Memphis, Tennessee, where he registered at the Holiday Inn on Lamar Avenue, since he had business with the Inn Keeper Supply Company, 3762 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

On this particular date, he also had a meeting with the Vice-President of the company from Mount Holly, North Carolina, EDWARD WOWELL. He said this meeting took place at the airport in Memphis, Tennessee, during the early evening hours.

BOYETTE advised that on April 4, 1968, he had business with ROY GILLIA, of Inn Keeper Supply and also with a representative of the Operman Manufacturing Company, 706 Royal Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. He related that he believes it was somewhere between 9:00 and 9:30 P.M. when he and his wife checked out of the Holiday Inn and his wife traveled with him in the automobile around Memphis and he believed he made his last contact sometime prior to 3:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, after which time he and his wife

On 4/10/68 at Tupelo, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

SA DONALD H. GREENE

by SA JOHN S. CASTLES JSC/wgj Date dictated 4/11/68

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departed Tupelo, Mississippi, in his 1967 Ford Galaxie 500, chartreuse in color, bearing 1968 Mississippi License M5297.

En route to Tupelo, he and his wife stopped at his mother-in-law's home, Mrs. VIRLIE TUNES, at Wallerville, Mississippi, near New Albany, to pick up their two year old child who was being kept by Mrs. TUNES while he and his wife were in Memphis. He said when they left Mrs. TUNES' house they drove directly to Tupelo, Mississippi, and went to their residence where they had sandwiches for the evening meal and then went to a gospel singing at the Community Center in Tupelo.

Mr. BOYETTE related that neither he nor his wife were aware of the murder of Doctor KING until after they returned home in Tupelo from the gospel singing sometimes after 9:00 P.M. in the evening.

The following description of BOYETTE was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	HENRY BOYETTE
Also Known As	HENRY JUNIOR BOYETTE
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	June 11, 1934
Place of birth	Meridian, Mississippi
Height	Six feet three inches
Weight	Two hundred fifteen pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown-mostly bald
Education	High school
Marital status	Married
Wife	FAYE
Wife's occupation	Telephone operator Tupelo, Mississippi

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Employment

(Currently on maternity
leave)
American and Efird Thread
Mills, Incorporated, ten
years.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4-22-68

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 11, 1968, Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN telephonically advised that he did not desire that any negative type investigation, which eliminates local Jackson suspects, be sent to Memphis. He advised that negative type information should be indexed and filed at Jackson rather than be furnished to Memphis.

In view of above, the attached investigative results have been marked for indexing for Jn files

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE APRIL 22, 1968

FROM : SA J. L. MARTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA J. L. MARTIN on 4/19/68 in an effort to identify and eliminate WILLIAM GRANTHAM, Route 3, Sumrall, Miss., who holds Miss., Driver's License 001073075, date of birth 7/20/31 and who is described as a white male, brown eyes, black hair, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weight 159 pounds, as a suspect in this case.

NELL EATON, Hattiesburg Credit Bureau, Hattiesburg, Miss., advised that her files reflect that WILLIAM DAVID GRANTHAM, Route 3, Sumrall, Miss., wife EVELYN GRANTHAM, was employed at Tom Black, Inc., Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and had a bank account at the Lamar County Bank, Purvis, Miss. EATON advised that her files did not reflect the age of GRANTHAM.

DON FAUSE, Tom Black, Inc., Highway 98 West, Hattiesburg, Miss., advised that DAVID GRANTHAM is employed by him as a bulldozer operator. FAUSE advised that GRANTHAM is approximately 36 years of age, approximately 5 feet 10 inches in height, would weigh approximately 165 or 170 pounds. FAUSE advised that he did not have an application or any record which would reflect GRANTHAM's date of birth or full description. He stated, however, that GRANTHAM is employed by him in Picayune, Miss., and that he has worked regularly during the month of April, 1968.

O. B. BLACK, Assistant Vice President, Lamar County Bank, Purvis, Miss., advised that DAVID GRANTHAM, wife EVELYN, maintains a bank account at the Lamar County Bank, however none of his records reflected the exact age, date of birth, or description

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of DAVID GRANTHAM. BLACK stated that WILLIE STUART, owner, Stuart's Farm Supplies, Purvis, Miss., would probably know DAVID GRANTHAM as he had cosigned notes for GRANTHAM.

WILLIE STUART, owner, Stuart Farm Supplies, Purvis, Miss., advised that he was well acquainted with DAVID GRANTHAM and that he believed GRANTHAM's first name was WILLIAM inasmuch as he was the son of W. L. GRANTHAM who was known as BILL GRANTHAM. STUART described DAVID GRANTHAM as being approximately 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing approximately 165 pounds.

The records of the Lamar County Health Office as reviewed by SA J. L. MARTIN reflect that a male child was born to W. L. GRANTHAM in Lamar County, Miss., on 7/20/31 and that this child has birth certificate number 21319. The child was not named at birth and the birth records do not reflect a name for this child.

T. S. SAUCIER, Circuit Clerk, Lamar County, Miss., advised that his records reflect that DAVID GRANTHAM is a registered voter in Lamar Conty, Miss., in Beat Four, and that GRANTHAM was 24 years of age when he registered to vote in 1955.

CARL PARKER, Postmaster, Sumrall, Miss., advised that his records reflect that DAVID GRANTHAM receives mail at Route 3, Sumrall, Miss., under the name of W. D. GRANTHAM and DAVID GRANTHAM. PARKER advised that he was sure that GRANTHAM's name was WILLIAM DAVID GRANTHAM.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: APRIL 22, 1968

FROM : SA DONALD J. CESARE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/15/68 LEONARD WARREN, owner, Warren's Grocery Store, located on Highway 21, north of Philadelphia, Miss., telephonically contacted the Meridian Resident Agency and stated that on the morning of 4/15/68 an unknown white male about 50 years of age weighing approximately 170 to 180 pounds with sandy brown hair driving a 1958 or 1959 light Ford with 1968 Tennessee license, number unknown, came into his store and wanted to trade three cases of "Mr. Terrific" cleaner for three gallons of gasoline. WARREN related that this unknown person later came back into his store and wanted to trade one can of the cleaner for a package of cigarettes.

WARREN stated that this person looked something like the picture in the newspaper that was the person that killed Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING. WARREN further related that he would not be in his store on 4/16 and 4/17/68 but would be available for interview on 4/18/68.

On 4/18/68 WARREN viewed photographs of MURKIN suspects exhibited to him by SA DONALD J. CESARE at his place of business in Philadelphia, Miss. He advised at this time that none of the photographs exhibited to him were identical to the individual who attempted to trade him the cases of cleaner for merchandise on 4/15/68.

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DATE: APRIL 22, 1968

FROM : SA DONALD J. CESARE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re all agents memo dated 4/11/68.

AT PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI

The following sources and records were checked on 4/17/68 for any information regarding suspects in Murkin matter with unsuccessful results:

1967 Philadelphia City Director;
Philadelphia Telephone Director
(May 1967);
Local Board Number 54, Selective
Service System;
Neshoba County Marriage and Divorce
Records;
Voter Registration Records, Neshoba
County;
Philadelphia Utilities (Electric and
Water);
Moter Vehicle Registrations, Neshoba
County;
Colonial Motel and Delphi Courts.

In addition, confidential sources in the Philadelphia, Miss., area were contacted during the period 4/4/68 to 4/19/68 and advised to be on the alert for any information regarding Murkin. However, no information has been reported to date.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON(157-9586) (P)

DATE: APRIL 22, 1968

FROM : SA WILLIAM C. MEARN S

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/18/68, SHERIFF JAMES L. HUFFSTICKLER, Humphreys County, Belzoni, Miss., advised that the names ERIC STARVO GALT (or GAULT), HARVEY LOWMEYER (or LOWMYER), and JOHN WILLARD are not listed in the Humphreys County Motor Vehicle Registration Records. He further asserted that he had never heard of any individuals having any of these names residing in Humphreys County.

On 4/18/68, HILDA SHAPERO, Deputy Chancery Clerk, Humphreys County, Belzoni, advised that she has never heard of any individuals living in Humphreys County having the names ERIC STARVO GALT (or GUALT), HARVEY LOWMEYER (or LOWMYER), or JOHN WILLARD. She further stated that she has never heard the names before. She advised that no individuals having the above names or any names approximating those above names have been divorced in Humphreys County during the past 22 years.

On 4/18/68, Mr. GEORGE HOOD, Circuit Clerk, Humphreys County, Belzoni, Mississippi, advised that the names ERIC STARVO GALT (or GUALT), HARVEY LOWMEYER (or LOWMYER), or JOHN WILLARD are not listed in the Humphreys County marriage records or voter registration records. He further advised that he believes he is acquainted with every white man living in Humphreys County and that no individuals having these names have ever resided in Humphreys County.

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On 4/18/68, Mrs. MARION SHANNON, Clerk, Local Board Number 30, Selective Service System, Belzoni, advised that her records reflected no listing during July, August or September, 1949, for any individuals having the names ERIC STARVO GALT (or GUALT), HARVEY LOWMEYER (or LOWMYER), or JOHN WILLARD. She further stated that the records during July, August or September, 1949, reflected no entries which were similar to the above three names. She advised that as far as she knows, no individuals reside in Humphreys County having any of the above three names.

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